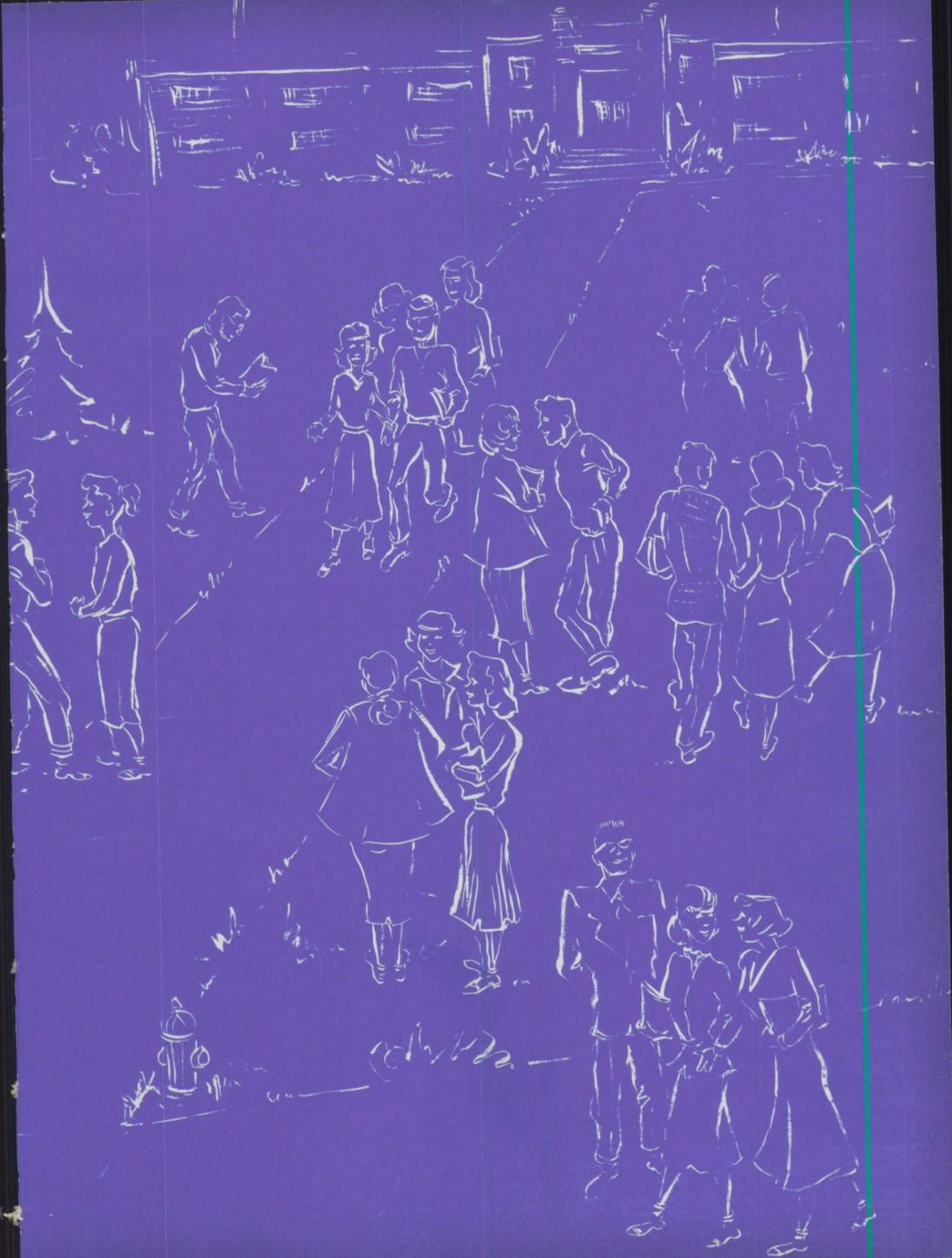


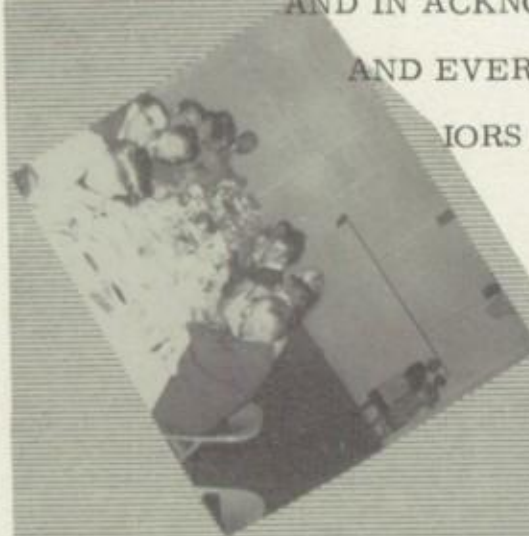
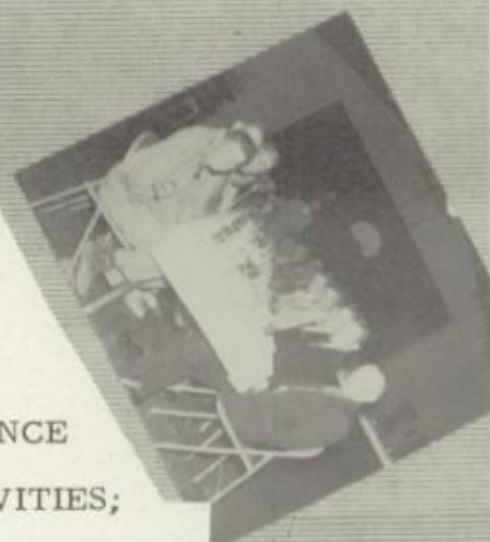


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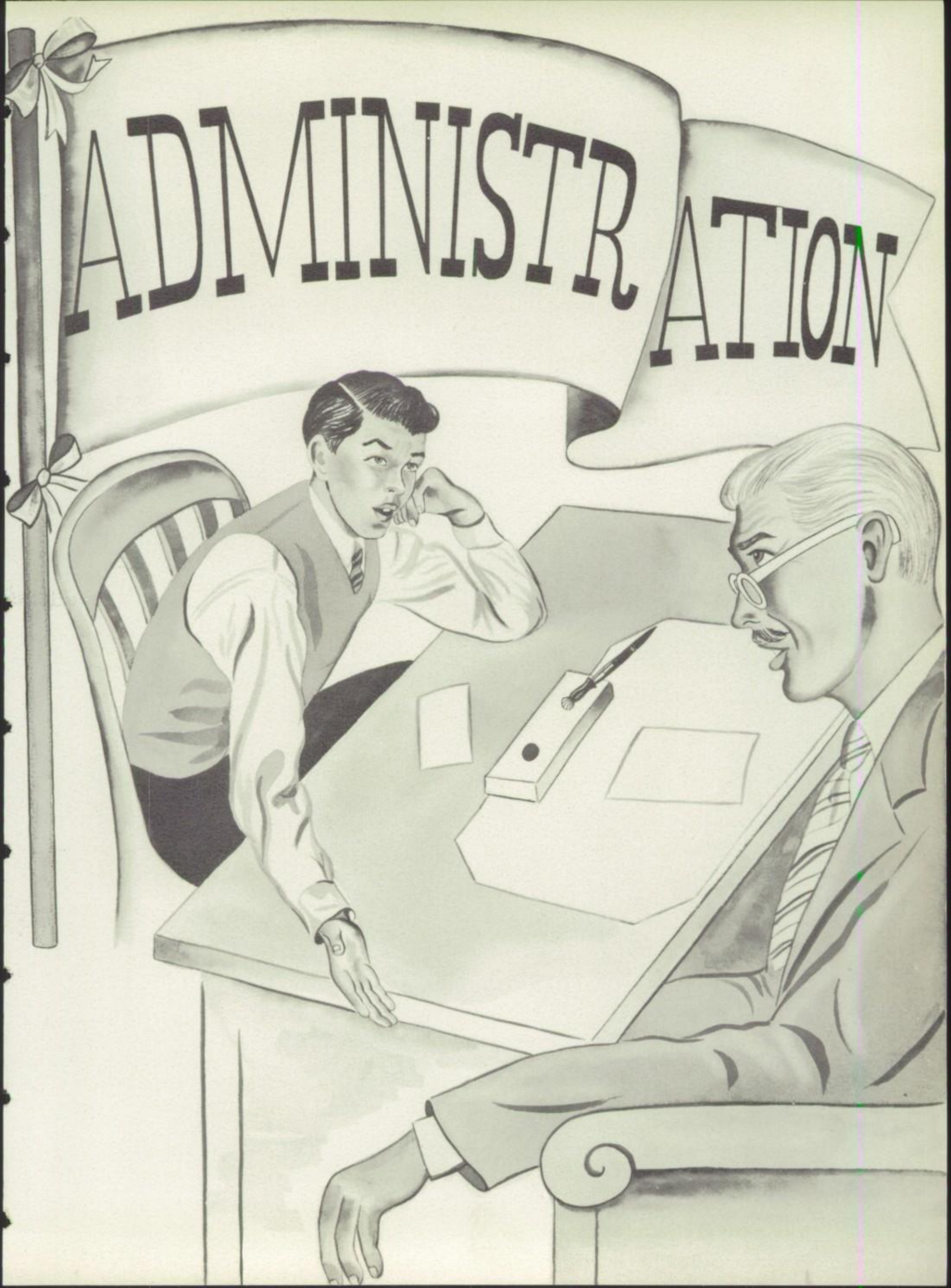
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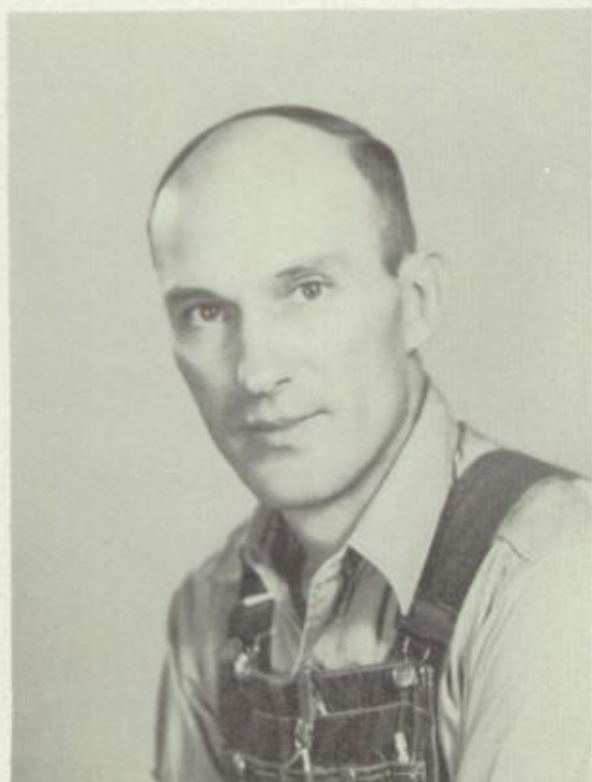


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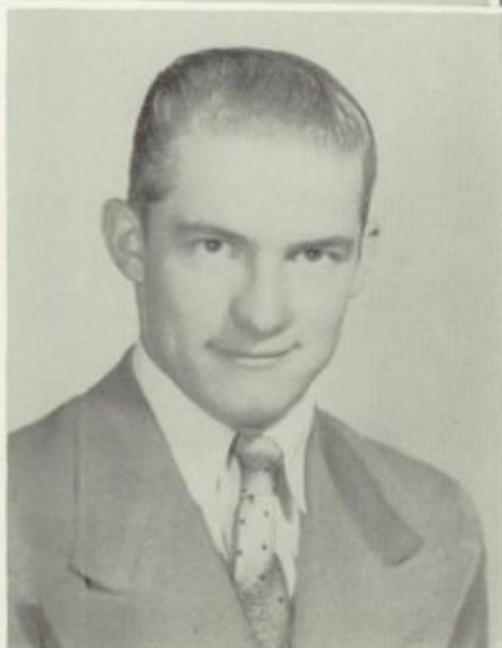
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Class Treasurer 3;
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President 3.



Elwin Powell

Junior Play 3; Class
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Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class
Officer 1, 2, 4; All-Con-
ference Football 4;
Annual Staff 4.

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Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Band
1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4;
Junior Play 3; Class
Officer 4.



John Courtney

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-
ball 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1;
Annual Staff 4; Class
Officer 1, 2; All-Confer-
ence Football 4.

Theora Dunckley

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club
1, 2, 4; Junior Play 3;
Annual Staff 4; Paper
Staff 3, 4; Drill Master
3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep
Club Officer 4; Class
Officer 3, 4; All-Confer-
ence Band 2, 3, 4.



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Matt Alvarez

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Football 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Junior Play 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Band 2, 3; Student Council 1; Class Officer 1; Paper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.



Helen Perich

Band 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Band 3; Glee Club 2; Junior Play 3, Annual Staff 4; Paper Staff 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drill Master 4; Girls' State 3; Pep Club Officer 2, 3.



Beverly Van Wert

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Band 4; Band Majorette 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Girls' State 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 2.

Pearl Borroel

Pep Club 1, 4; Junior Play 3; Spanish Club 2,



Sophie Klaich

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Junior Play 3; Annual Staff 4; All-Conference Band 4; Paper Staff 4.

Jay Roope

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Football 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 4; Spanish Club 2, 3.



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Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Band 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Junior Play 3; Black Nugget Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

Grace Zamudio

Pep Club 1, 2; Junior Play 3; Spanish Club 2, 3; Spanish Club President 3.



Jolene Daugnerty

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Conference Band 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 4; Junior Play 3; Black Nugget Staff 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4.

Eddie Chevalier

Football 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 4.



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Jack Sullivan
Wrestling 1; Glee Club
4.



Victor Jackovac



George Hixon
Football 3, 4; Wrestling
1; Junior Play 3; Glee
Club 4.

Donald Hunter

Junior Play 3; Glee Club
4.



Tony Valdez
Football 2, 3, 4; Junior
Play 3; Spanish Club 2, 3.



James Stetson
Glee Club 4.



Jane Jones
Glee Club 1; Pep Club 1.

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CLASS HISTORY

Way back in the year 1951, with the class consisting of 40 members, we entered the new school building, as the first Freshmen. Being green freshmen we were then initiated at the hands of the Sophomores, who made it as tough on us as they possibly could get by with. Kangaroo Court took place with all of us ending up on the "black list," and getting the worst tasks possible. Besides all of the rough treatment given us, the party was a huge success. We then treated them to their return party. We elected officers as follows: President, Joe Slobko; Vice-President, Johnny Courtney; Secretary, Matt Alvarez; and Treasurer, Elmer Logan. Our room mothers were Mrs. W. Daniels and Mrs. M. Alvarez. Mrs. Poland was our Sponsor. We went to Steamboat Springs on our annual class picnic.

Being Sophomores we had the traditional privilege of initiating the poor new Freshmen. Starting the year with 27 members the class dwindled down to a mere 24 before the year was over. Class officers consisted of President, Virginia Herold; Vice-President, Joe Slobko; Secretary, Beverly Van Wert; and Treasurer, Johnny Courtney. Our room mothers were Mrs. H. Dunckley and Mrs. R. Gilbert. Our sponsor was Mr. Newby. The scene of our class picnic was Glenwood Springs where we enjoyed swimming and numerous other things.

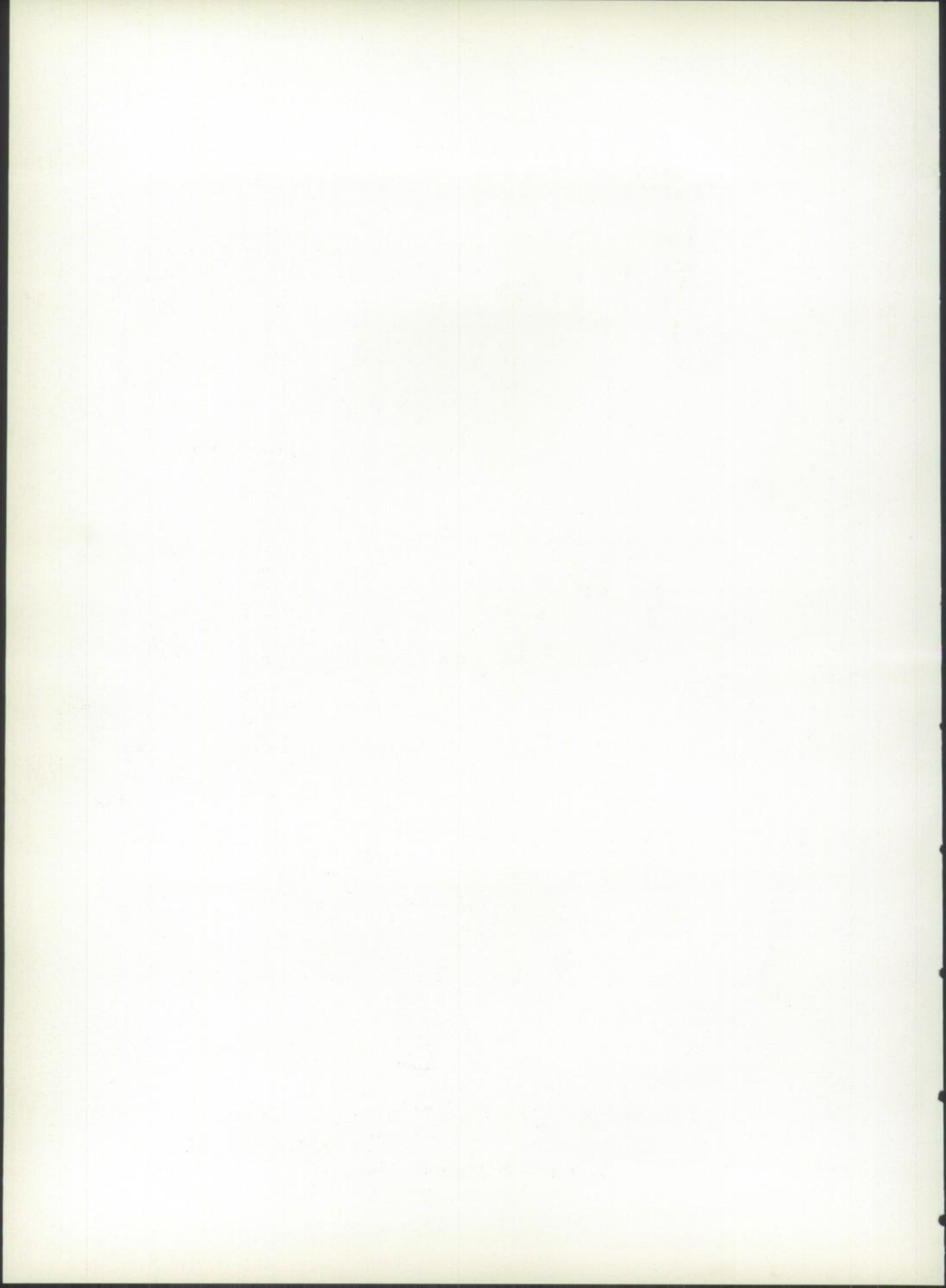
In the year 1953 we traveled in high honor being Juniors. We held our total of 26 members throughout the year. This year we elected President, Elwin Powell; Vice-President, Virginia Herold; Secretary, Theora Dunckley; Treasurer, Margaret Cedillo. Our room mothers were Mrs. R. Gilbert and Mrs. Alvarez. Sponsoring our class were Mr. Marconeri, Mr. Newby and Mr. Love. Our money making projects were selling Christmas cards; hot dogs, pop, coffee and etc. at football games, and sponsoring several dances after football and basketball games. Our theme for decorating the gym was "Moonlight and Roses." Though the decorating was a lot of hard work we enjoyed every bit of it. Our Junior play was "Angels of Red Canyon." The cast was chosen and put to work right away learning their lines and etc. It was a big success thus rewarding us for all the work put into it. We went to Pleasant Valley, then to Steamboat Springs for our annual class picnic.

This being our Senior year we elected President, Elwin Powell; Vice-President, Mario Karzon; Secretary, Theora Dunckley; Treasurer, Joe Slobko. Our Sponsors were Mrs. Long and Mr. Newby. Our room mothers were Mrs. R. Gilbert and Mrs. M. Alvarez. We are looking forward to the prom and banquet to be given to us by the Juniors. We are also looking forward to our Senior Play to be given in the Spring.

During the four years in high school the Senior Class has been one of the most outstanding classes in all high school activities. Several of our members belonged to the band, glee club, and also several of the boys playing basketball and football. Taking a summary of our members we find that two of our class members have been cheerleaders for two and three years. Of the boys, five played on first string basketball in their Junior year and four are playing on the first string this year. Seven of our boys were on first string in football. During our Freshmen and Sophomore years we chalked up the victory over the other classes as being champions of the inter-class tourney. Inter-class tournaments in our Senior and Junior years were not held because our class proved to be too much competition to the other classes because of years of playing basketball together.

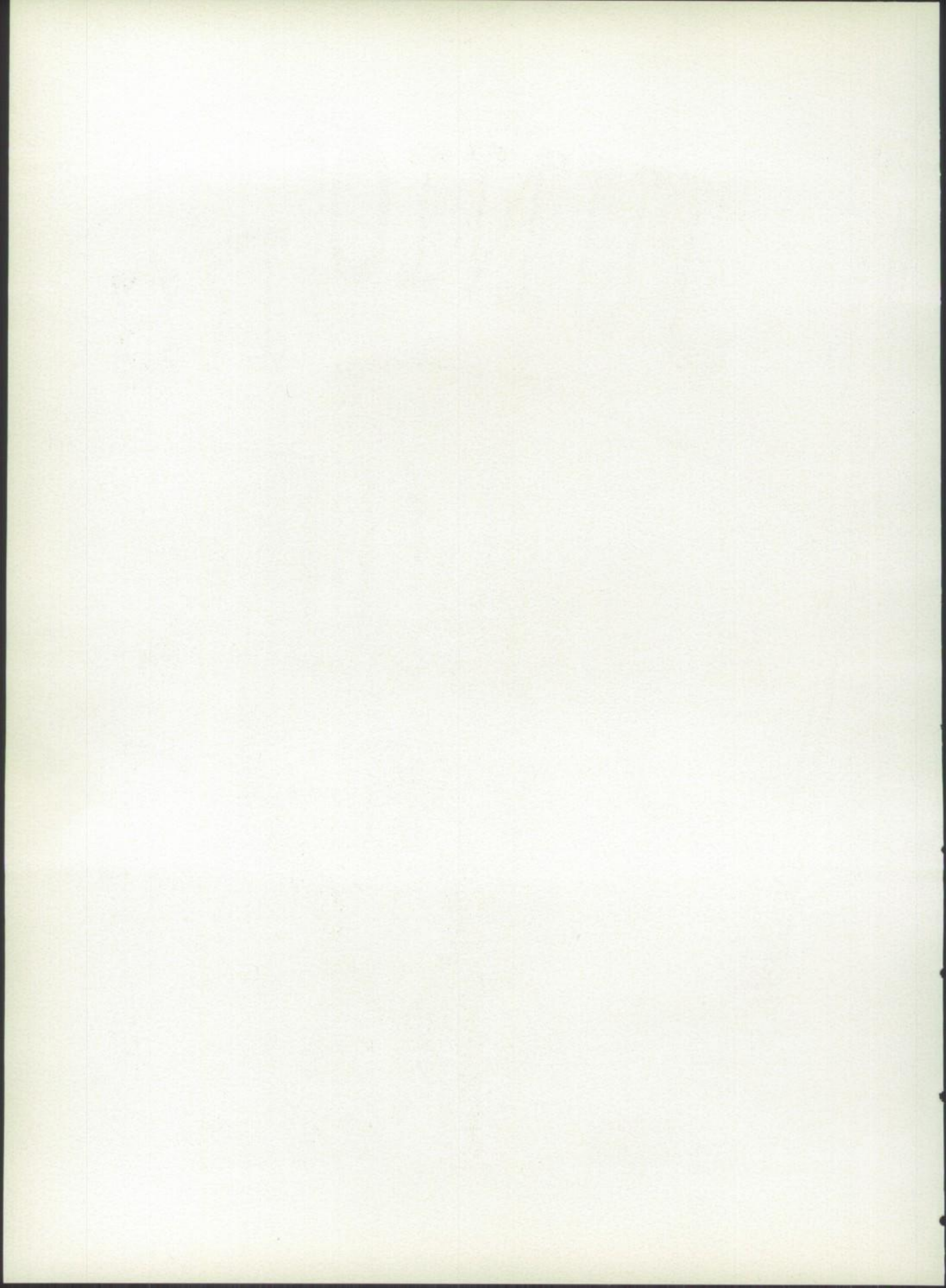
We wind up our four years in high school feeling successful and prepared for the future.

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Rosalie Long



Curtis White



Charles Reese



Douglas Parker



Richard Villa



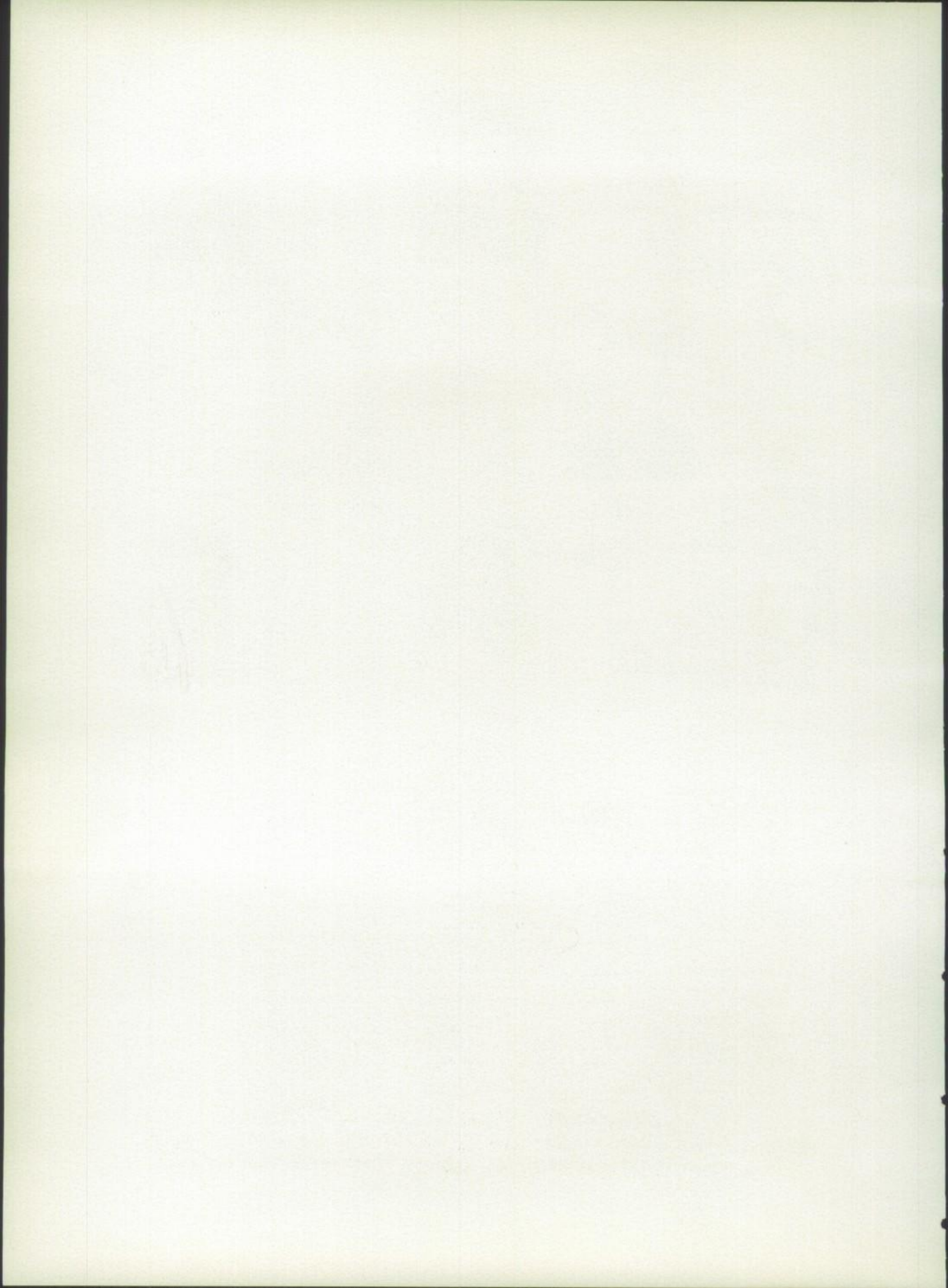
Carol Herold



Donald McElhinney

The Junior Class started off their highly successful year by electing the following officers: Rosalie Long, President; Charles Reese, Vice-President; Douglas Parker, Secretary; and Carol Herold, Treasurer. The following weeks were spent in choosing their class rings, for which they had been waiting since Freshman days, and selecting Junior class play. They finally chose "Damsels in Distress," a three-act comedy. The cast included Betty Buntin, Carol Herold, Douglas Parker, Charles Reese, Jackie Gabossi, Rosalie Long, Hayden Phillips, Sue Giberson, Lela Rowley, Roy Anderson, Reggie Steele, and Richard Villa. Thanks to Mr. Brock, the director, the cast was ready to give the play on the 12th of November. It was a huge success and added a great sum of money to the class treasury. After the play they were entertained at a party given by Miss Ingalls, the sponsor, and the room-mothers Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Murray. With the play finished, other things came up which included the Juniors, such as All-Valley Band, the speech meet at Steamboat, the Christmas program, dances after the games, and assemblies. Many of the Junior boys went out for basketball and football. Everyone was proud to have Richard Villa made All-Conference center in football, and to have Richard Borroel, Hayden Phillips, Joe Nieto, and John Alvarez on the first ten in basketball. Almost all of the Junior girls were in Pep Club and Jackie Gabossi was again named Cheerleader. The 5th and 7th of May were set aside for the Junior and Senior prom and banquet. The banquet, held in the beautifully decorated high school gym, was greatly enjoyed by everyone. A large crowd attended the prom where they danced to the music of Emmert Curran. The last event of a successful and fun-filled year was the annual picnic.

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John Alvarez



Reggie Steele



Carol Lee Baer



Richard Borrel



Ronnie Comacho



George Crumpton



Jackie Gabossi



Sue Giberson



Darlene Guire



Arnetta Olson



Alberta Martinez



Robert Meach



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Lela Rowley



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Richard Hite



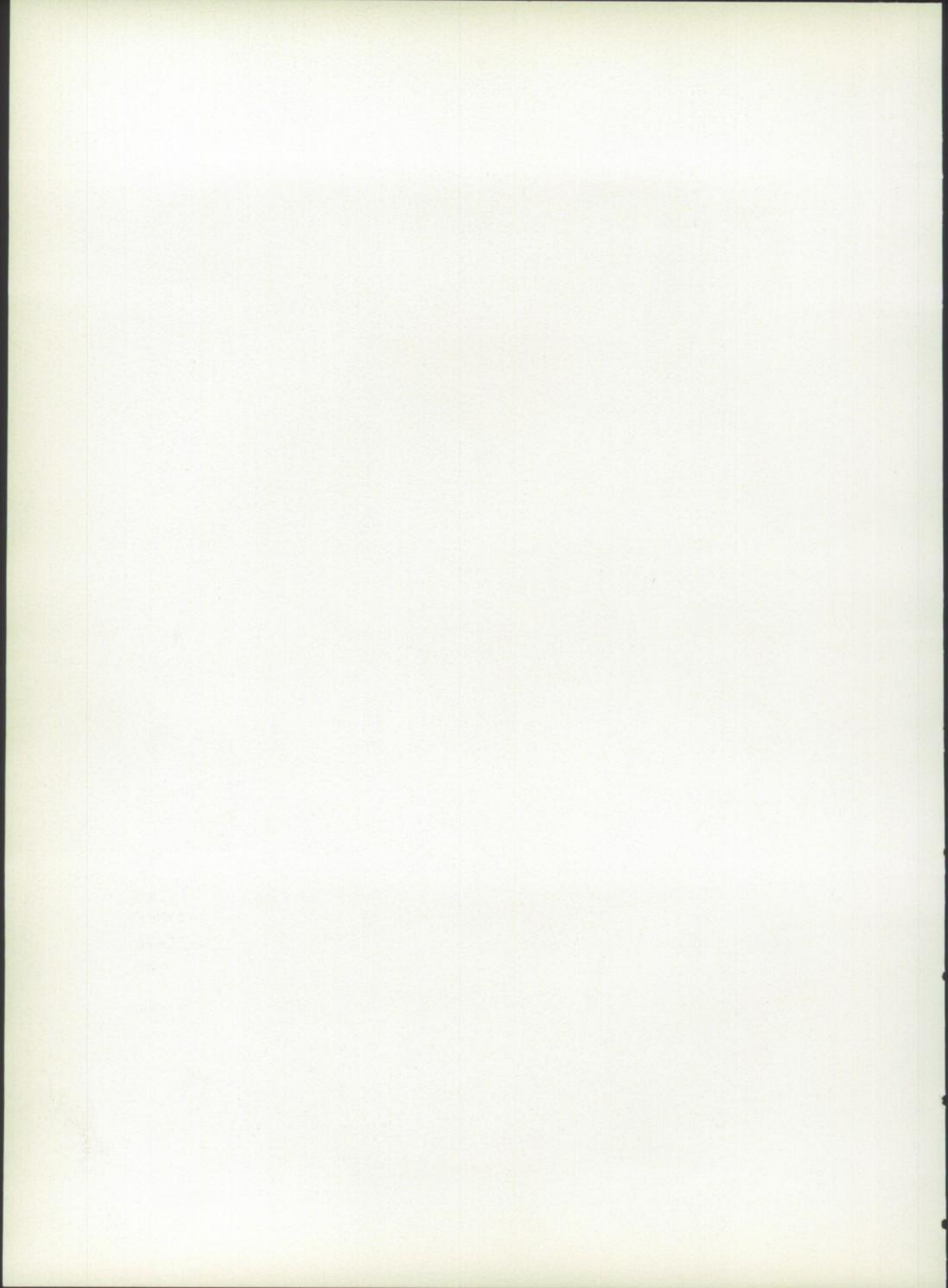
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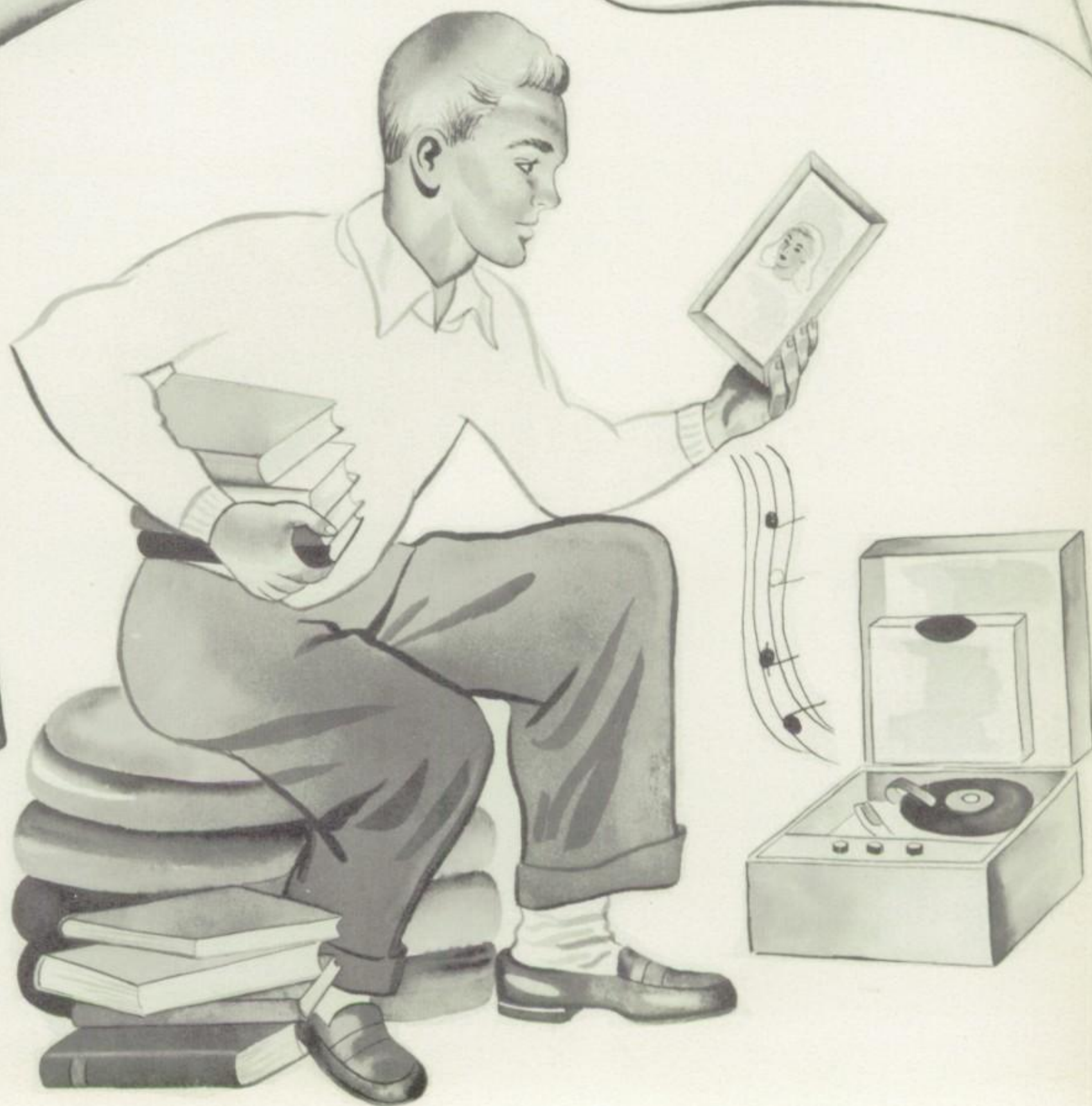
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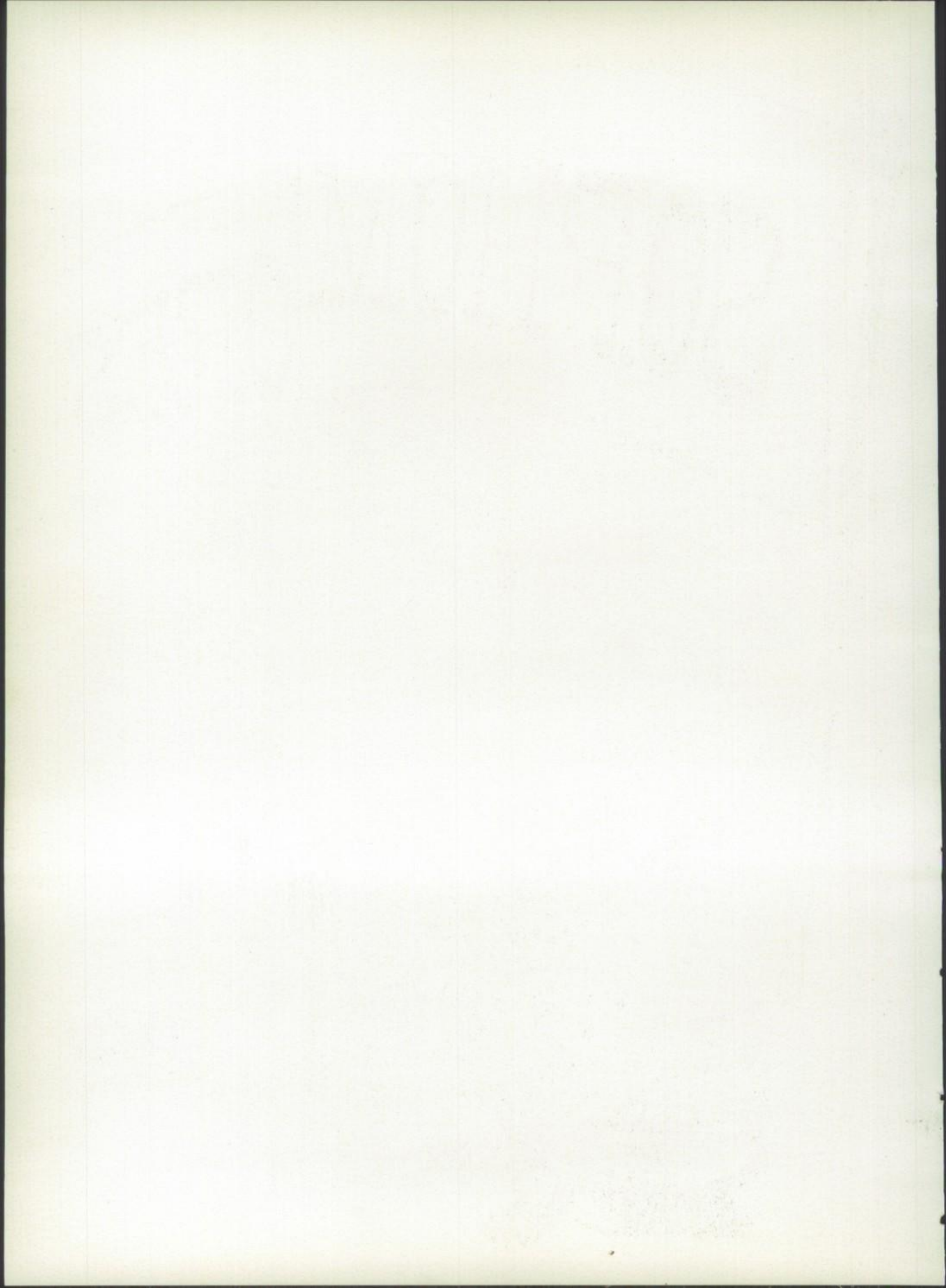
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Roy Anderson



SOPHOMORES







Phyllis Daugherty



Inez Gonzales



Charles Munden



Patty Hubbard



Jack Weber



David George



Alice Zamudio



Bobby Berg



Jackie Cook



David Peltier



Johnny Casias



Clara Manley



Forest Brock



Leland Smith



Alberta Borroel



Bobby Williams



Sharon Daughtery

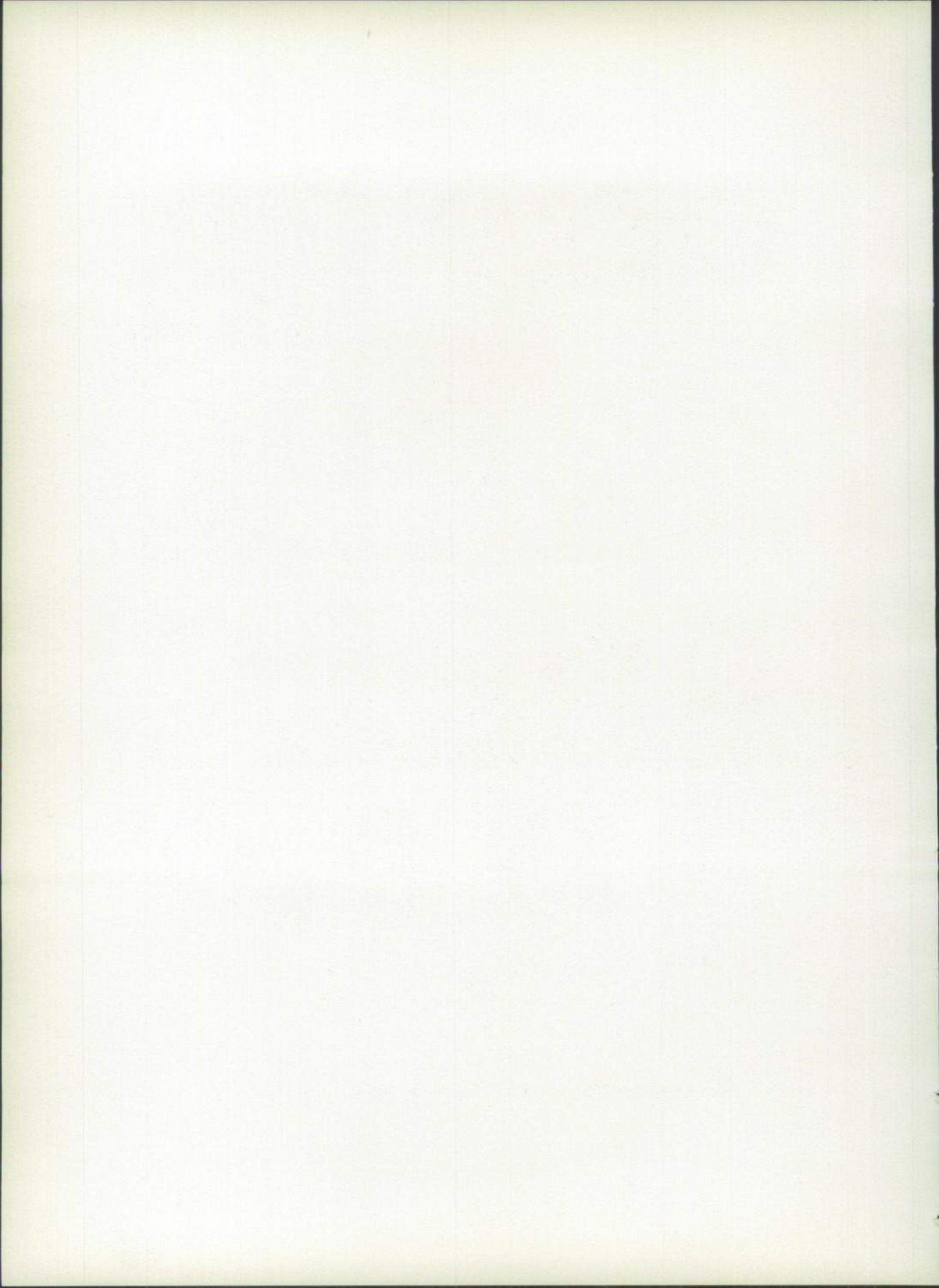


Henrietta Portugal



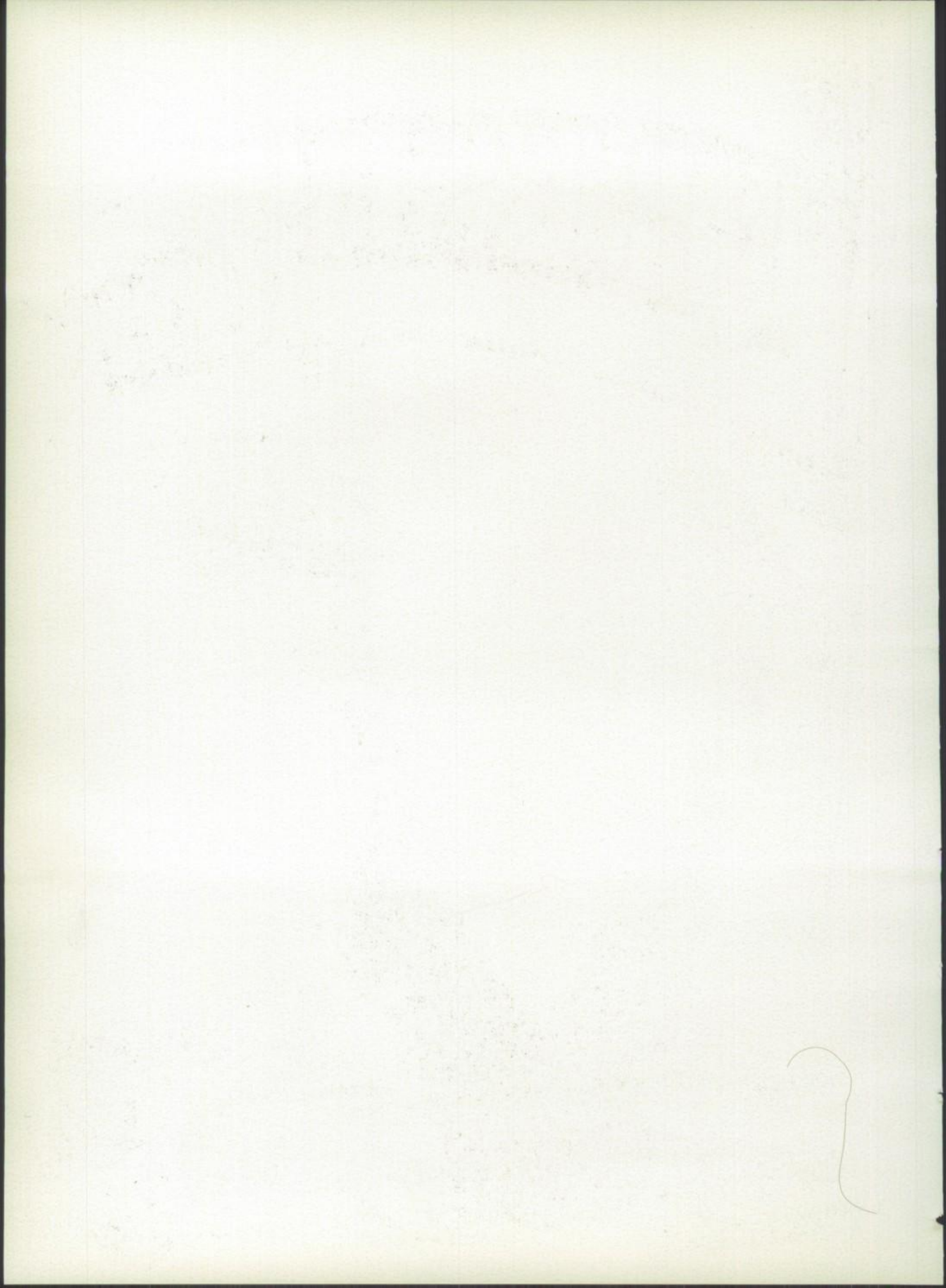
Julia Romero

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Kathryn Roll



Daniel Deppe



Joylyn Dull



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Kay Cook



Gary Sullivan



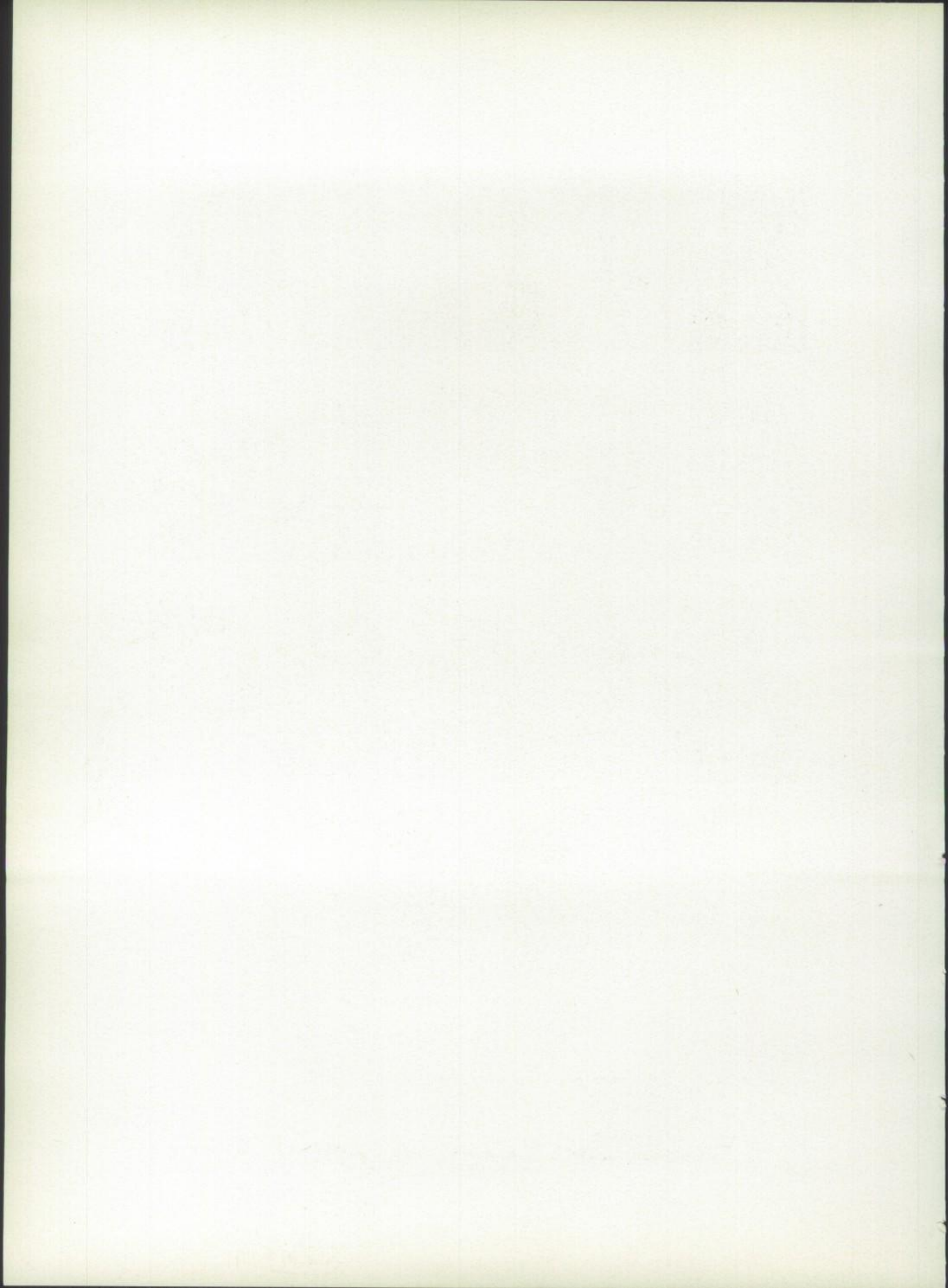
Walter Widger

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John Gabossi, Bonnie Mercado, Tony Nieto, Martin Samora Jr.

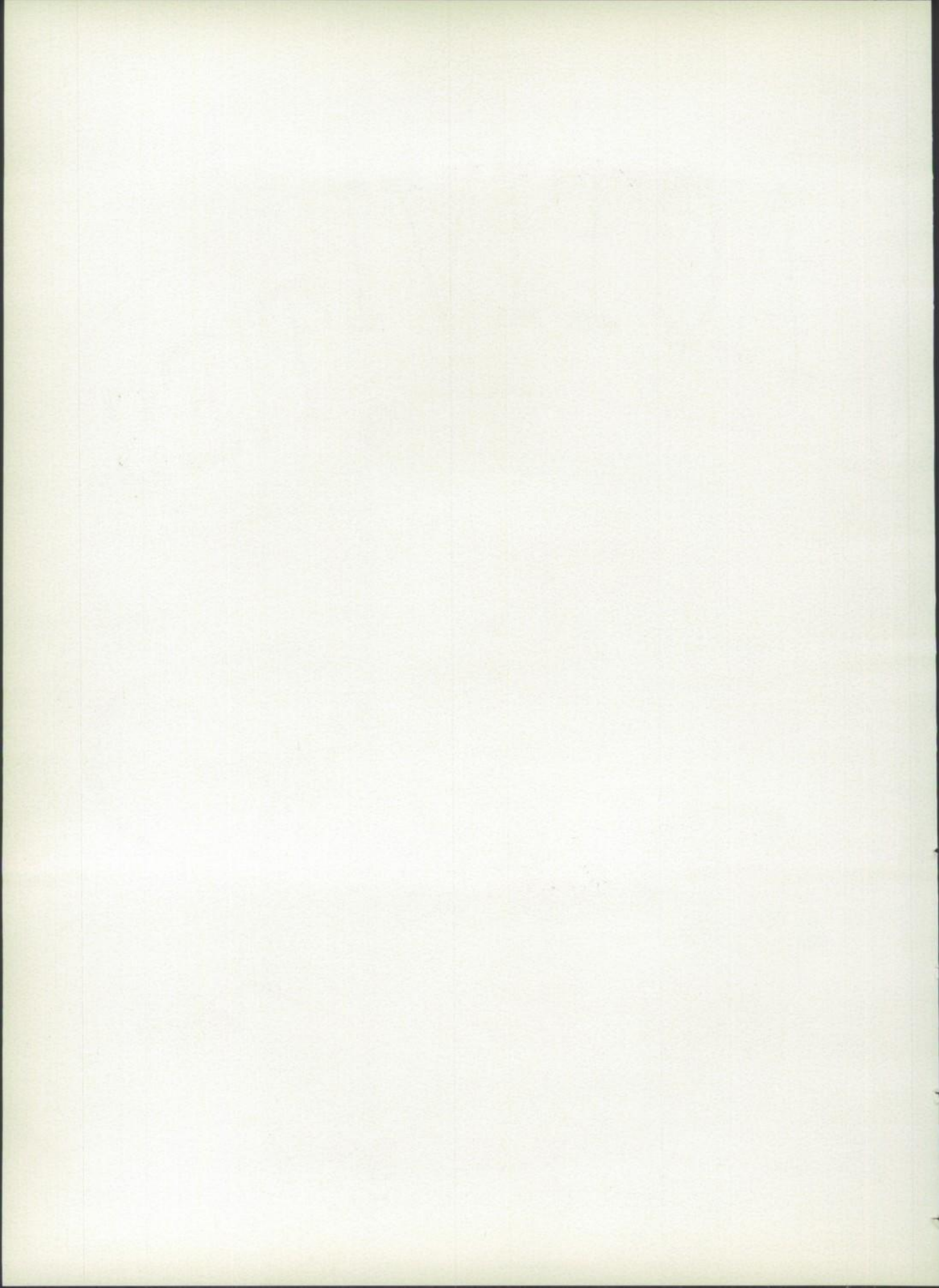
Albert Valdez, Fred Wisecup

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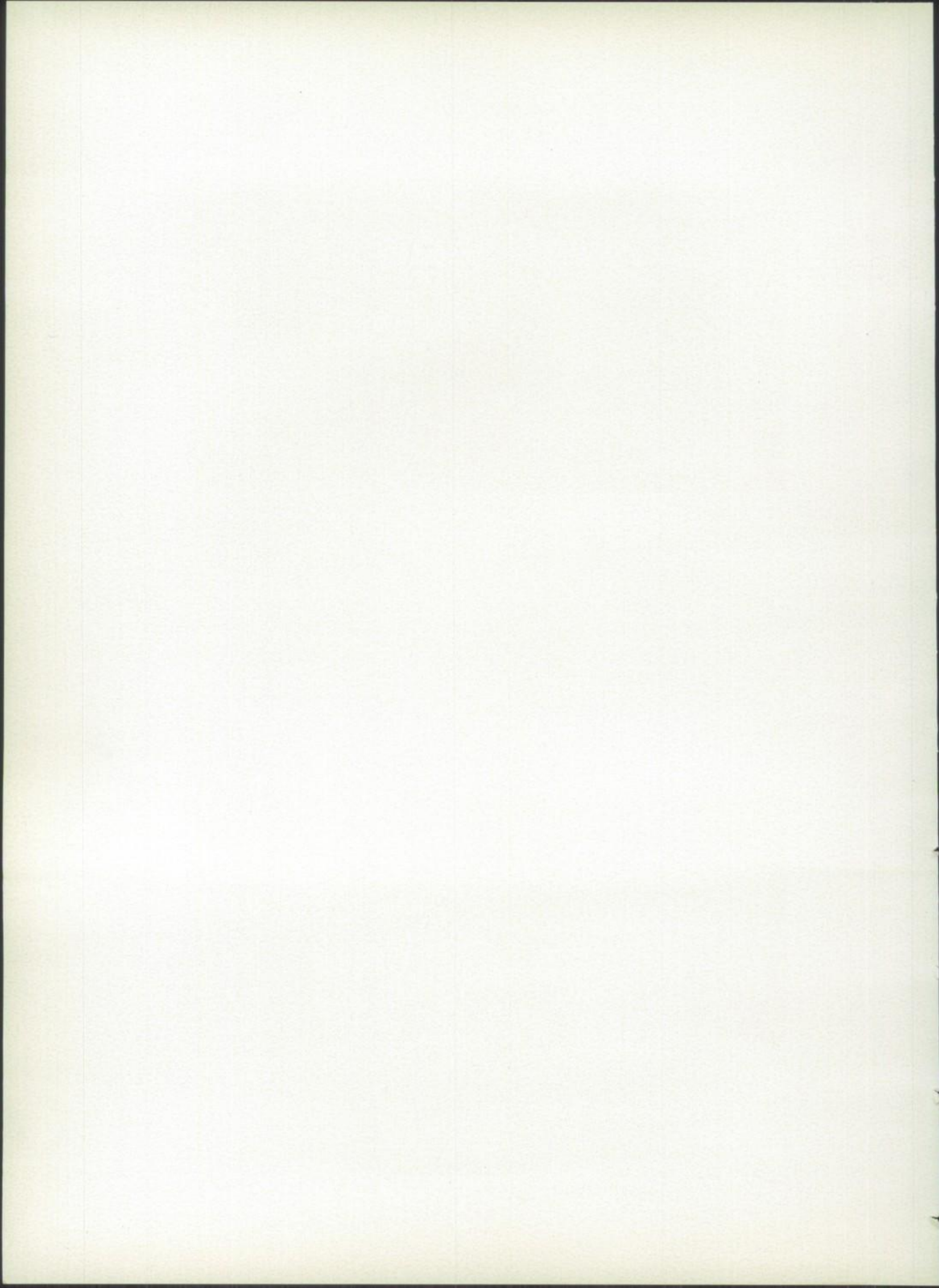
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In November of 1954, the Oak Creek Band participated in the Yampa Valley Band Clinic program. Friday, November 19, nine of the band members attended this Clinic in Steamboat Springs. At the start of the school year the members of the Band Mothers' organization sold Community Birthday Calendars.



GLEE CLUB, BACK ROW, Left to Right: Theora Dunckley, Betty Buntin, Beverly Van Wert, Jolene Daugherty, Marjorie Long, Jackie Gabossi, Sophie Klaich, Winifred Black. BOTTOM ROW: Kay Cook, Jackie Cook, Rosalie Long, Phyllis Daugherty, Katherine Roll, Pat Hubbard, Sharon Daugherty, Carma Coyner.

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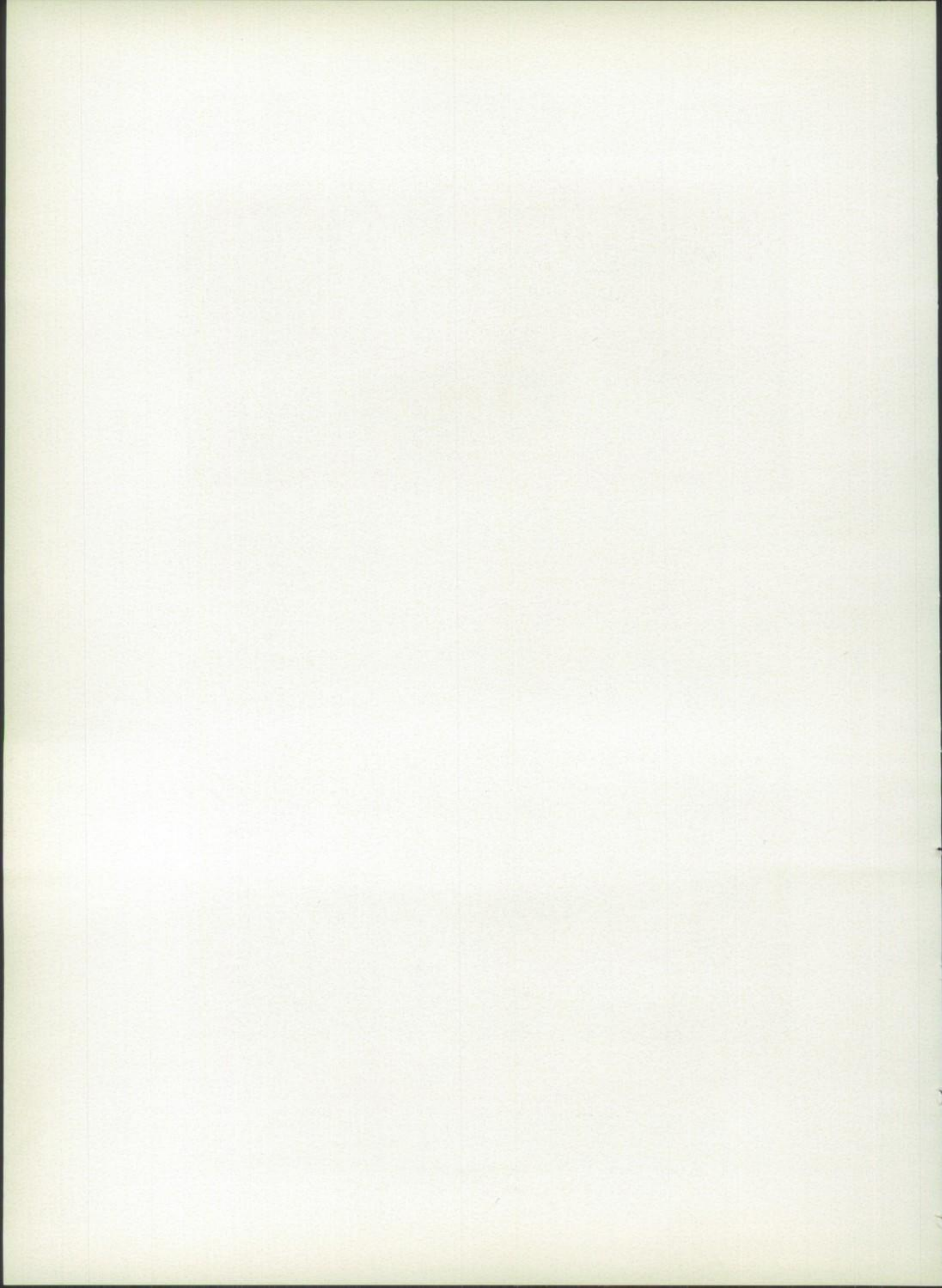


BLACK NUGGET STAFF, STANDING, Left to Right: Beverly Van Wert, Rosalie Long, Sophie Klaich, Sharon Daugherty, Jay Roope, Marjorie Long, Jolene Daugherty, Matt Alvarez, Jackie Gabossi, Helen Perich. SITTING: Charles Reese, Theora Dunckley, Virginia Herold, Carma Coyner, Phyllis Daugherty, Margaret Poland, Sponsor. STAFF ASSIGNMENTS: Editor, Theora Dunckley; Assistant Editor, Rosalie Long; Sports, Helen Perich; Town and Grade News, Beverly Van Wert; Girls Activities, Virginia Herold; Boys Activities, Charles Reese; Personals, Jolene Daugherty, Jackie Gabossi; Jokes, Matt Alvarez, Jay Roope; Millie the Miner, Sophie Klaich, Carma Coyner; Class Reporters, Sharon Daugherty, Phyllis Daugherty, Marjorie Long.



ANNUAL STAFF, STANDING, Left to Right: Joe Slobko, Virginia Herold, John Courtney, Matt Alvarez. SITTING: Carma Coyner, Sophie Klaich, Theora Dunckley, Helen Perich, Beverly Van Wert. STAFF ASSIGNMENTS: Editor, Helen Perich; Assistant Editor, Beverly Van Wert; Snapshots, Theora Dunckley; Business Manager, John Courtney; Assistant Business Manager, Sophie Klaich; Sports, Matt Alvarez; Ad Solicitors, Joe Slobko, Carma Coyner, Virginia Herold. NOT PICTURED: Martha Ingalls and Frank Marconeri, Sponsors.

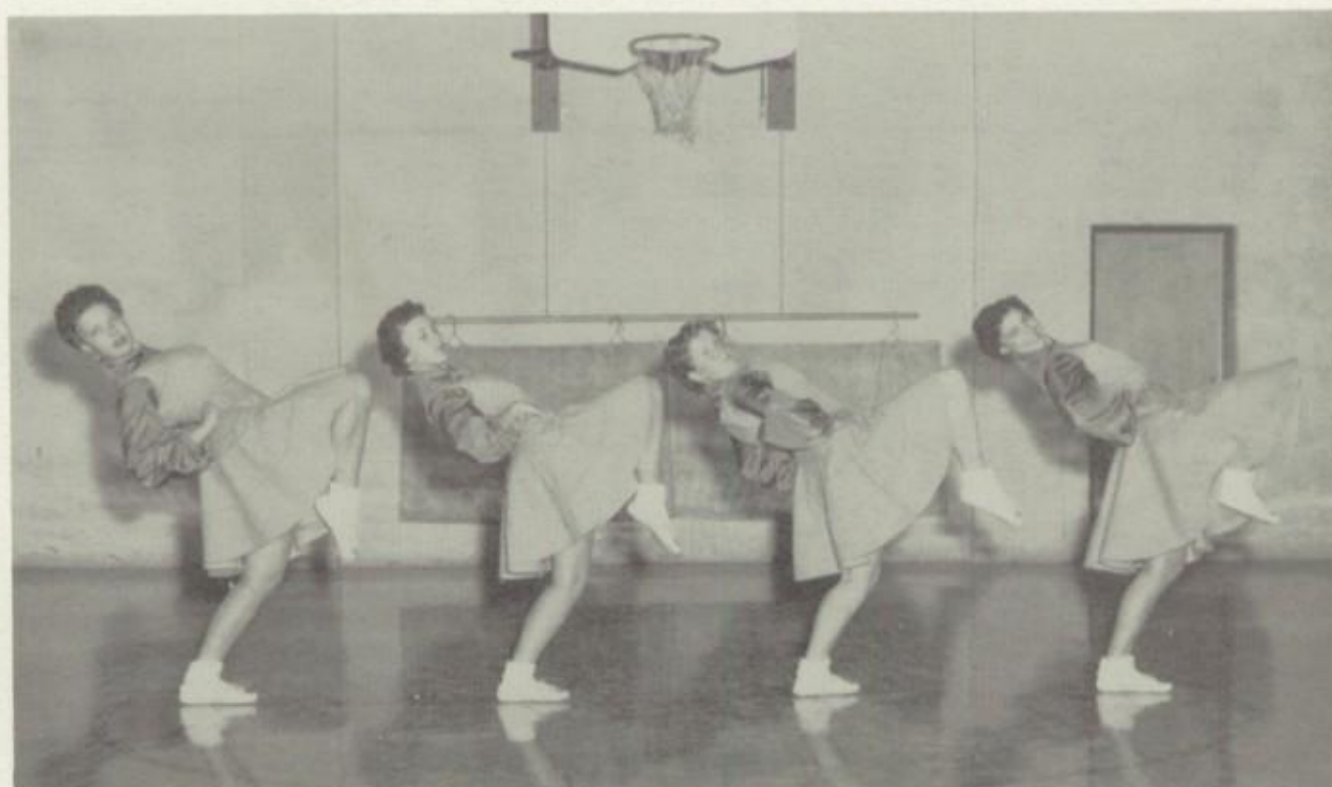
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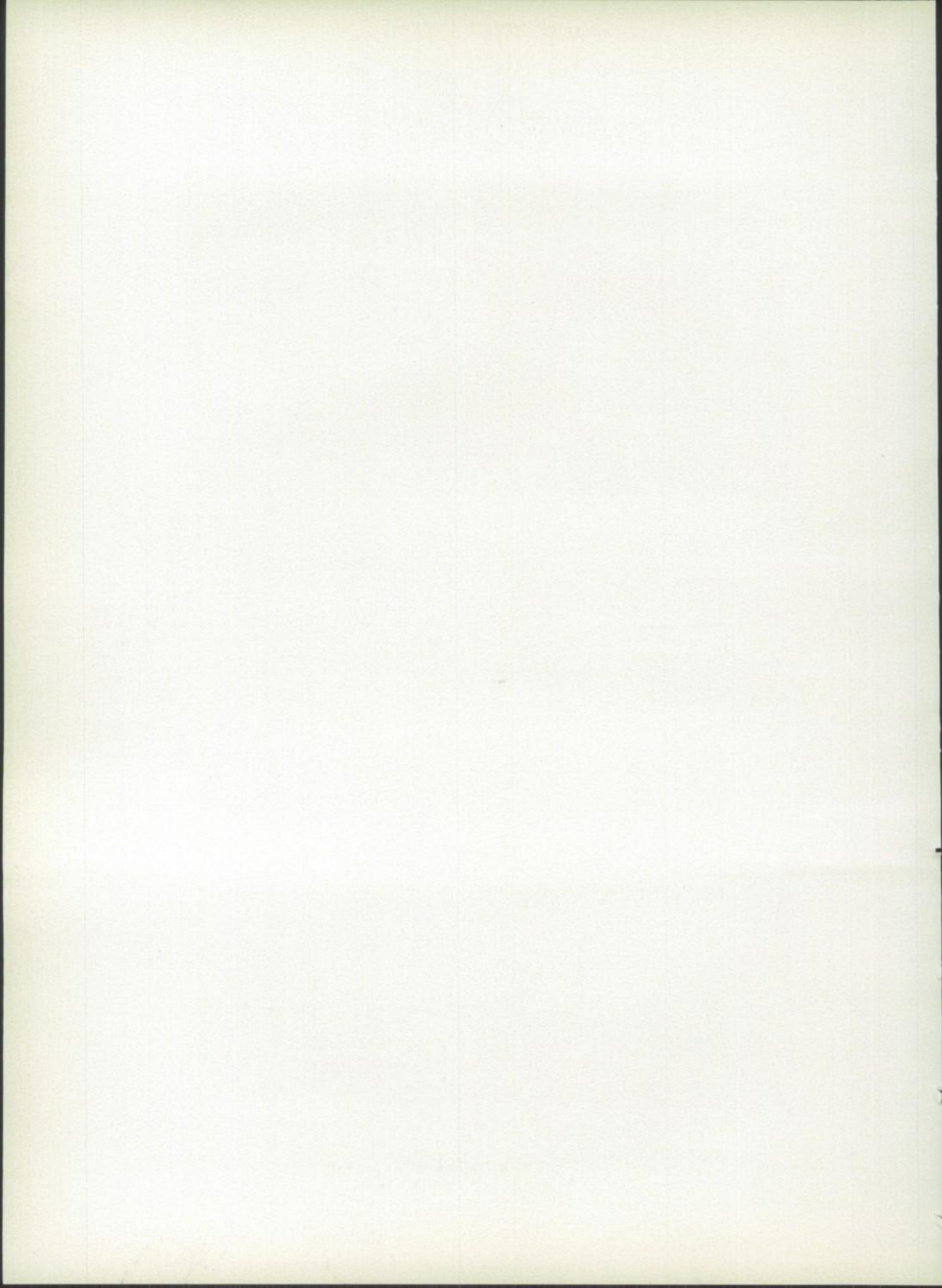
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At the start of the basketball season the Pep Club members appeared in beautiful new uniforms. The dresses were made by Doris McElhinney and paid for from funds earned in the various projects the girls have undertaken in past years. Under the sponsorship of Marie Long and Margaret Poland the club took over the concession stand at all the basketball games. In the first meeting of the year, officers were elected as follows: President, Theora Duckley; Vice-President, Rosalie Long; Treasurer, Katherine Roll; Secretary, Sharon Daugherty; Drill Master, Helen Perich; Cheerleaders, Beverly Van Wert, Jolene Daugherty, Jackie Gabossi, and Marjorie Long.

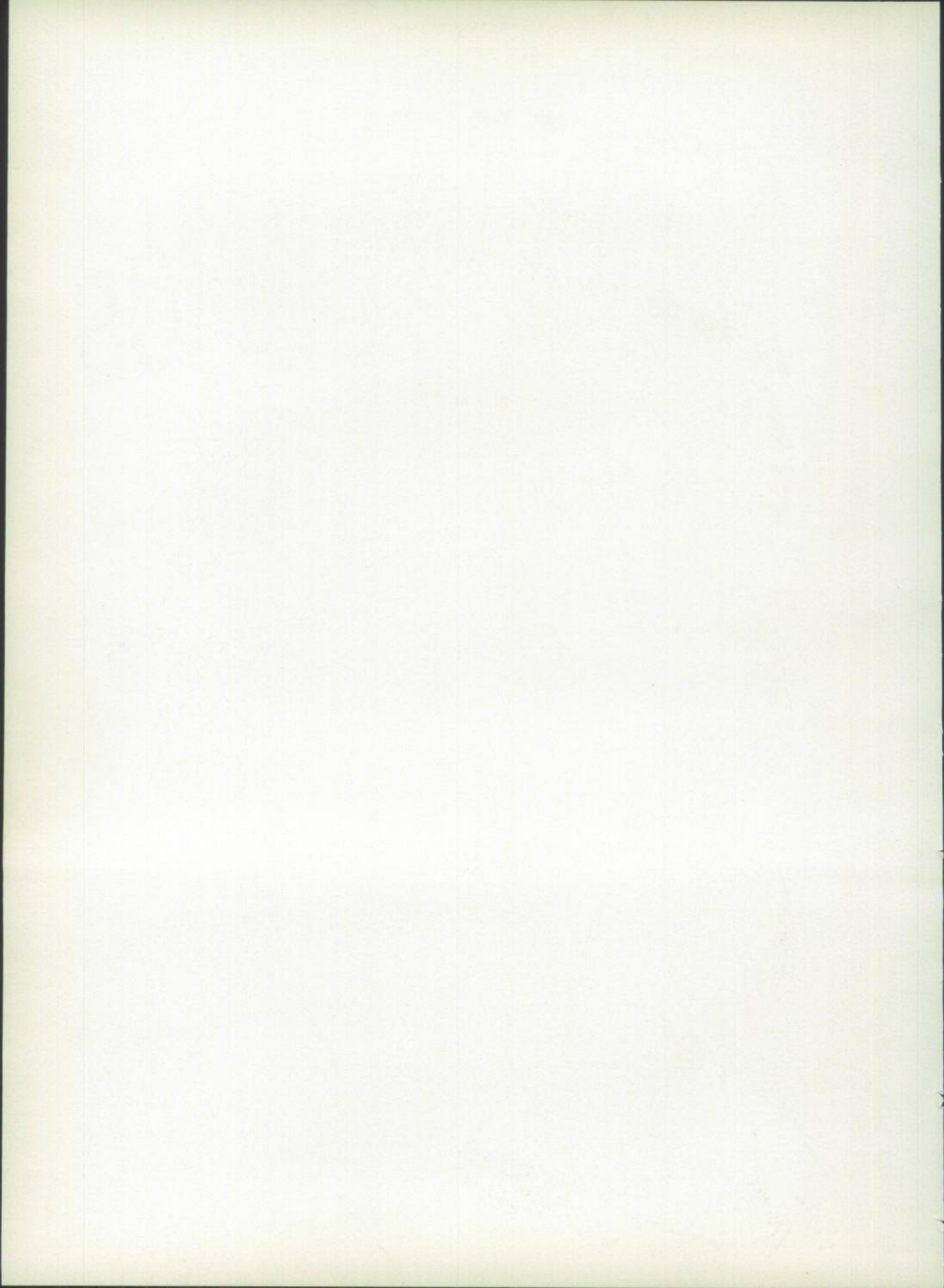


CHEERLEADERS, Left to Right: Beverly Van Wert, Jolene Daugherty, Marjorie Long, and Jackie Gabossi.

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M. ALVAREZ
Halfback



J. ROOPE
L. End



J. COURTNEY
Fullback



J. SLOBKO
Quarterback

MINERS PLACE SECOND IN LEAGUE PLAY

The "54" Miners ended their best gridiron season in five years as they defeated the Rangely Panthers, 18-0.

In the first game of the season Oak Creek met Superior on the local field. The Miners drew first blood; but Superior retaliated in time to bring the final score to a 7 - 7 tie. The next week the Miners won two non-conference games defeating Walden 25 to 0 and downing Granby 27 - 0. After three non-conference wins the Miners went on to win their first league tussle, beating their traditional rivals the Steamboat Sailors, 32 to 6. A record crowd watched the local boys score five successive touchdowns, while the visitors had trouble moving the ball until the final quarter when a do or die effort netted them their single score.

The tables turned on Oak Creek in their next league game as they fell beneath the drive of the Meeker Cowboys. In a furious rainstorm the two teams battled to a stand still until the final quarter when the Cowboys' final drives ended in success.

After their only defeat the Miners went on to win another non-conference game, downing Kremmling 13 to 6. The highlight of the season came when the underdog Miners came back in the final quarter to defeat a favored Hayden team. A tense group of Oak Creek fans watched as the Miners, with seconds remaining, won the game on a 20 yard touchdown pass. The last game of the season was easily won by Oak Creek, as they downed Rangely 18 to 0.

Having played eight games, the Miners record showed six wins, one tie and one loss. By virtue of their fine record the local boys placed second in league standings.



R. VILLA
Center



G. HIXON
R. End



T. VALDEZ
L. Tackle



B. MEACH
R. Tackle



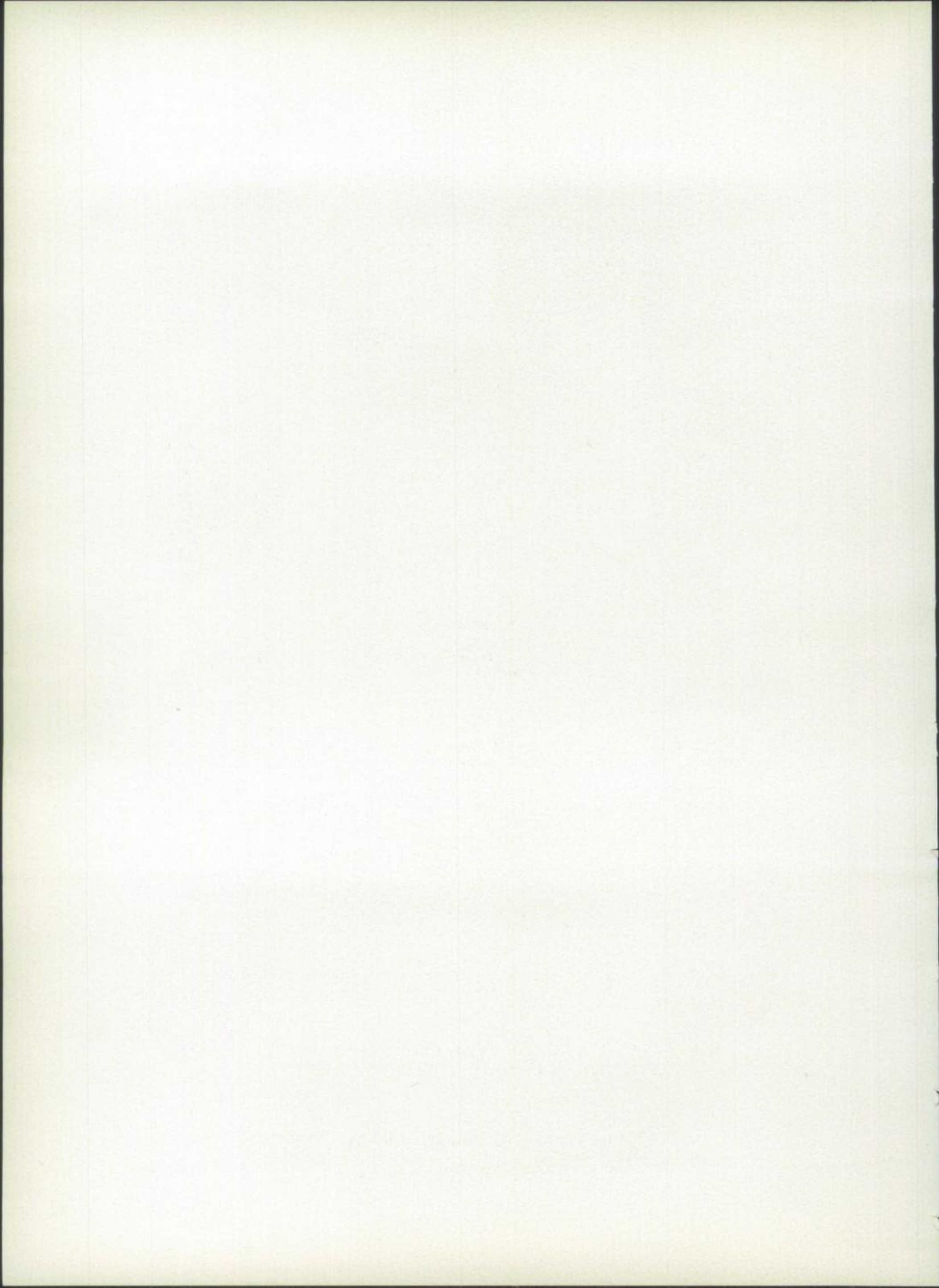
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L. Guard

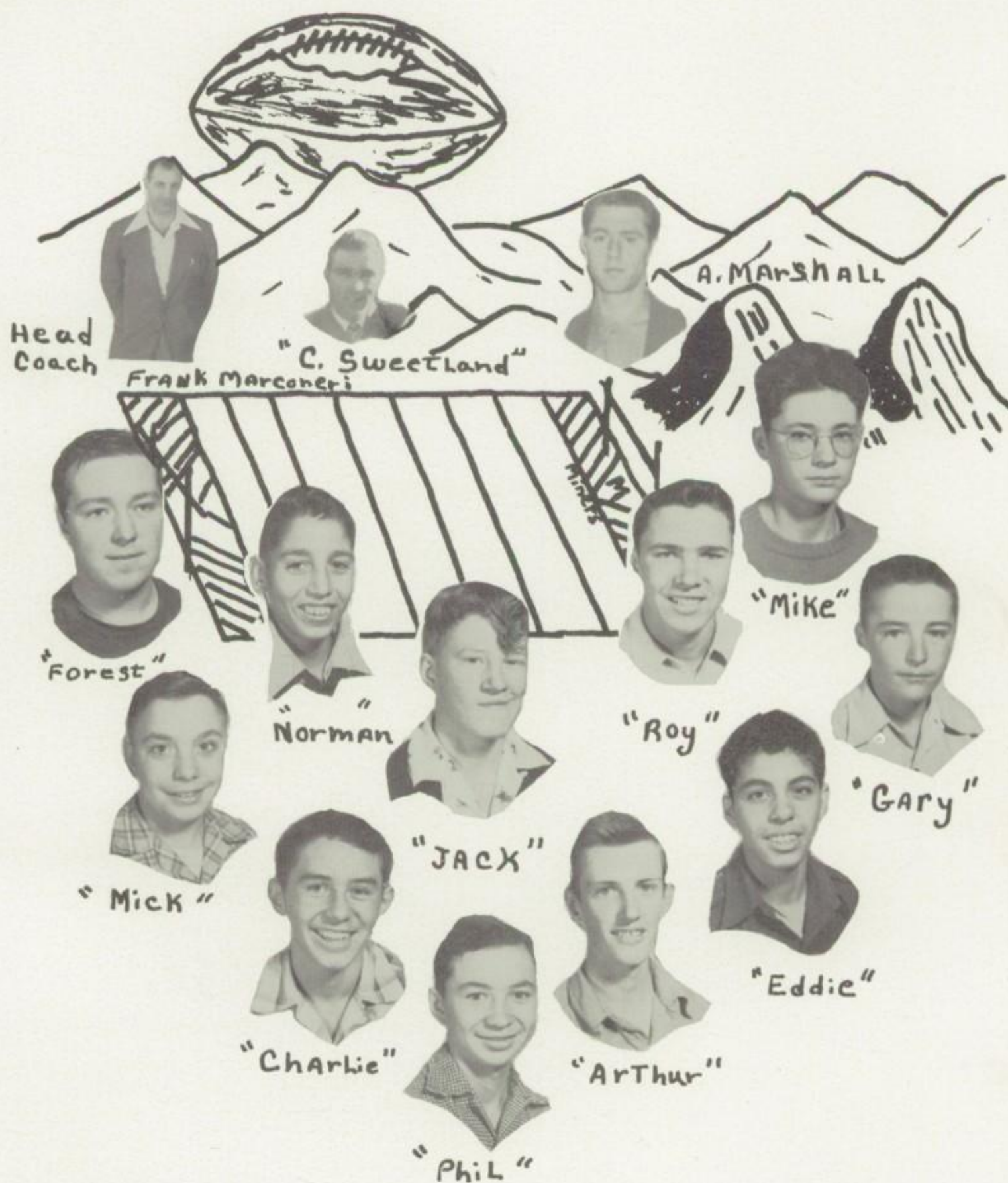


H. PHILLIPS
R. Guard

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R. Halfback





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We must be
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AFTER



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"Sink it, AL."



Sitting Pretty



"WATCH THAT
PASS."



TALK it over

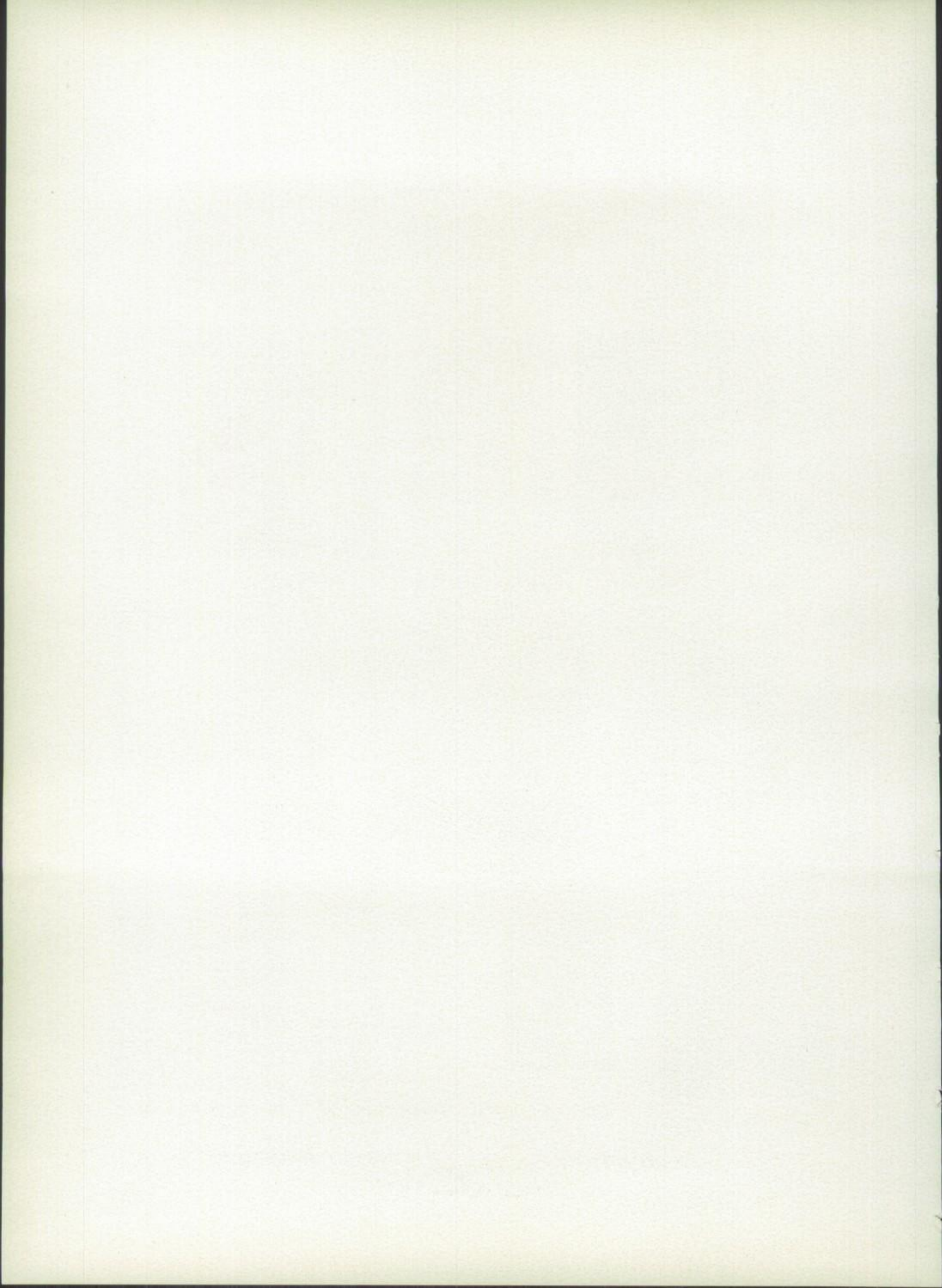


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"JUMP, JAY, JUMP!"

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Assistant Coach Marshall, Manager, Reggie Steele; Albert Valdez, Charles Munden, Bonnie Mercado, Johnny Courtney, Richard Borroel, Mario Karzon, Jay Roope, Joe Slobko, Johnny Alvarez, Joe Nieto, and Coach Marconeri.

SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE GAMES

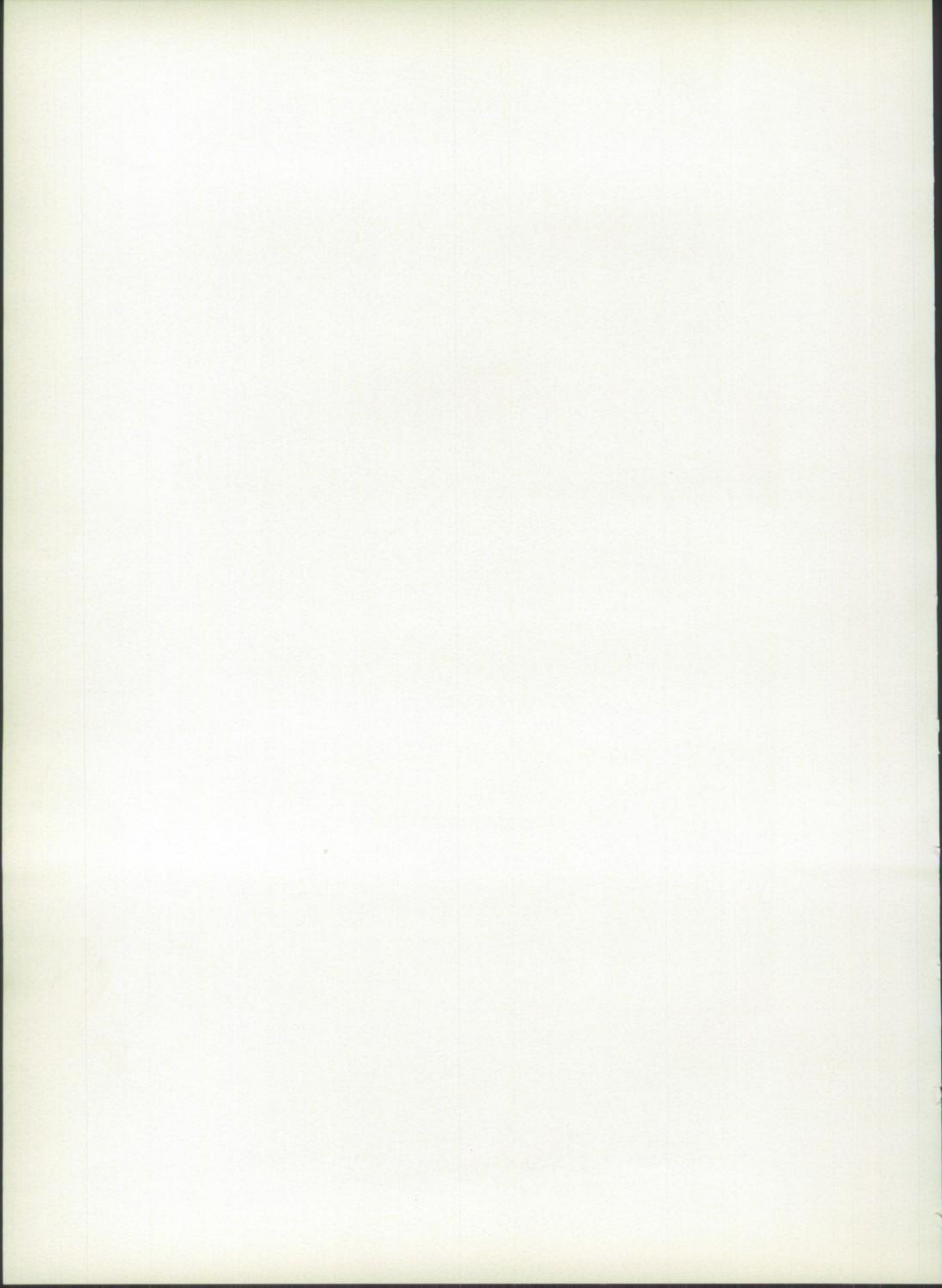
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Oak Creek 49	Rangely	31	Oak Creek 60	Rangely	28
Oak Creek 65	Meeker	49	Oak Creek —	Meeker	—

NON-CONFERENCE GAMES

Oak Creek 64	Granby	47	Oak Creek 58	Granby	39
Oak Creek 44	Walden	40	Oak Creek 63	Walden	32
Oak Creek 51	Kremmling	32	Oak Creek 53	Kremmling	32

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OAK CREEK B TEAM

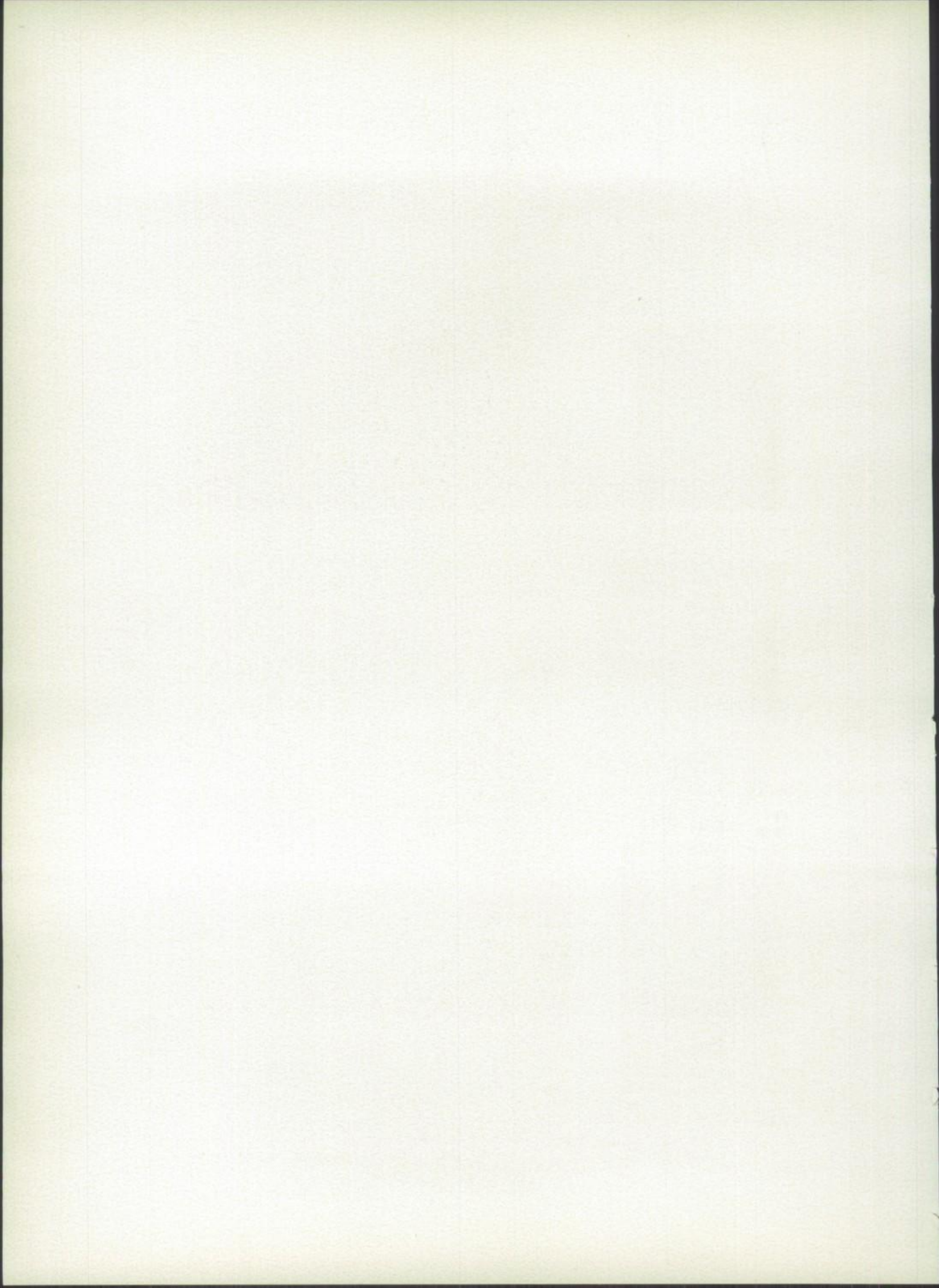
BACK ROW: Reggie Steele, Manager; Bob Williams, Jack Weber, George Crumpton, Richard Hite, Jim Brock, Mr. Marconeri, Coach.
FRONT ROW: Hayden Phillips, Albert Valdez, Joe Nieto, Bonnie Mercado, Charles Munden.



OAK CREEK FRESHMAN TEAM

BACK ROW: George Klaich, Coach; Frank Berg, Gary Sullivan, Arthur Girard, Eddie Rodenas, Mickey Klaich. FRONT ROW: Phillip Martinez, Ray Pinamonti, Tony Nieto, Martin Samora, Richard Hutton.

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Having fun??



Picnic time!!



Big Boys!!



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Guess Who!!



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Christmas Tree??

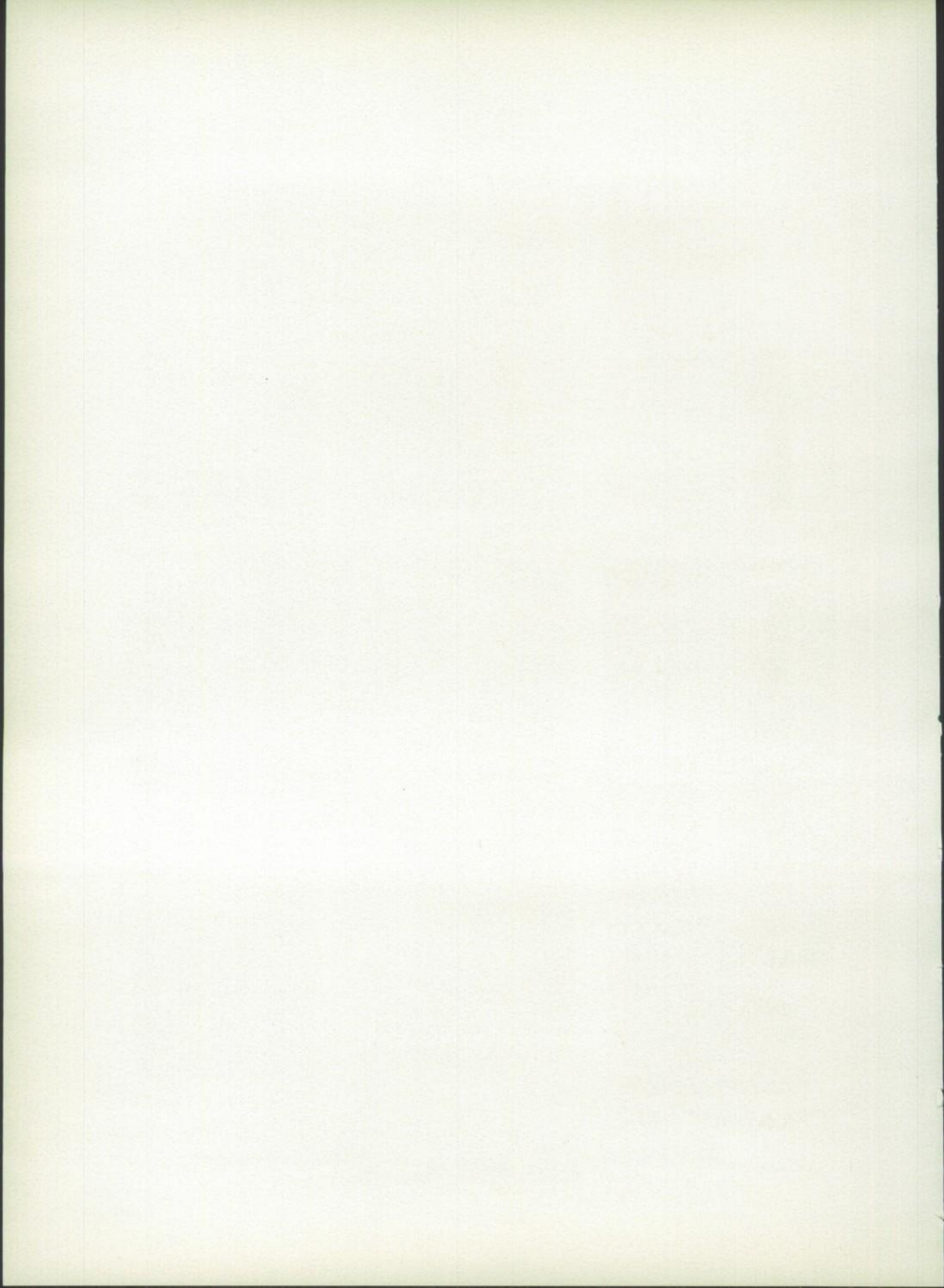


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"Matt"



"Theora"



"Don"



"Moose"



"Bev."



"Helen"



"Jim"



"George"



"Dolene"



"John Y."



"Elwin"



"Jack"



"Carm"



"Sophia"



"Vic."



"Virginia"



"Marge"



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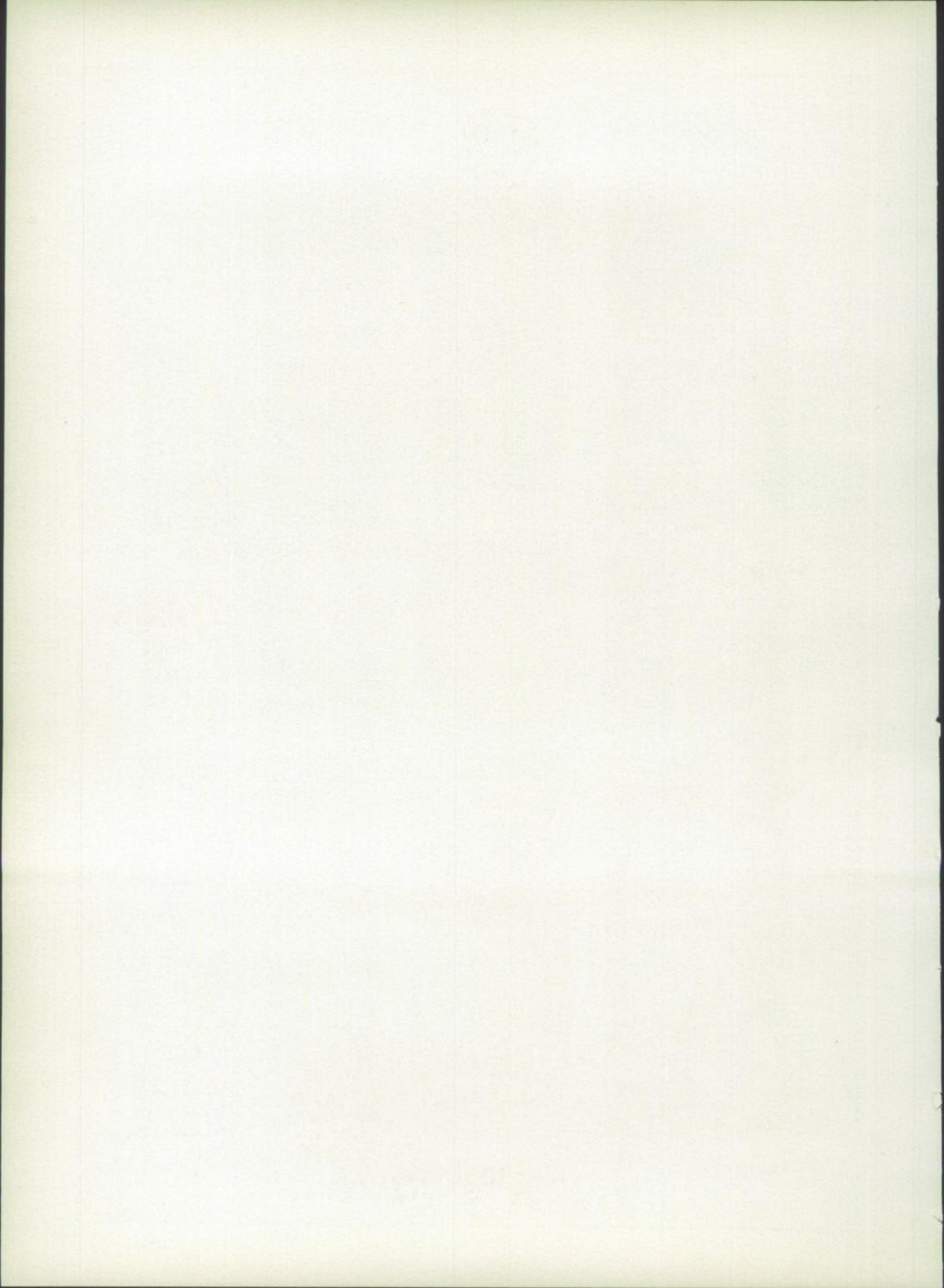


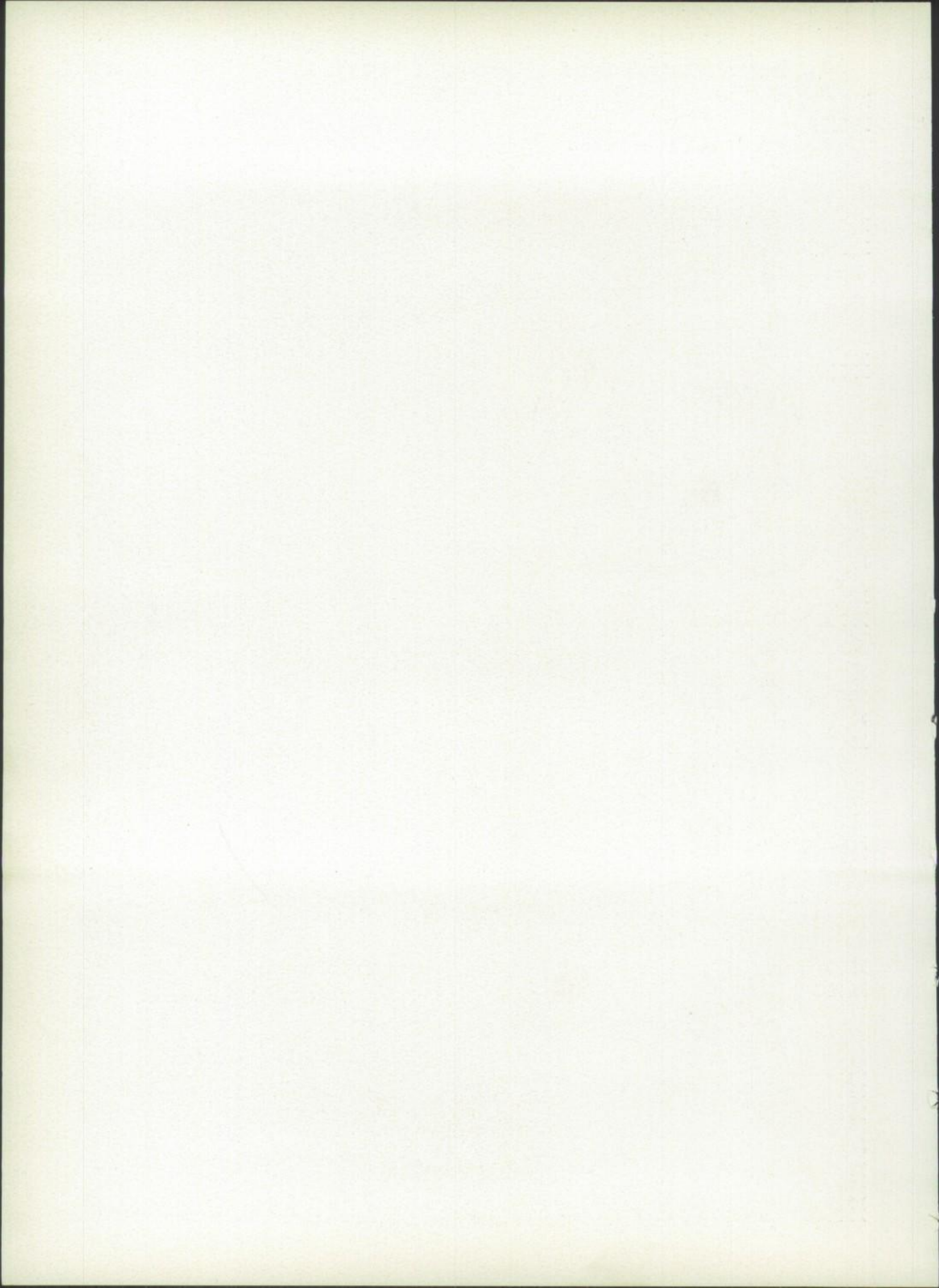
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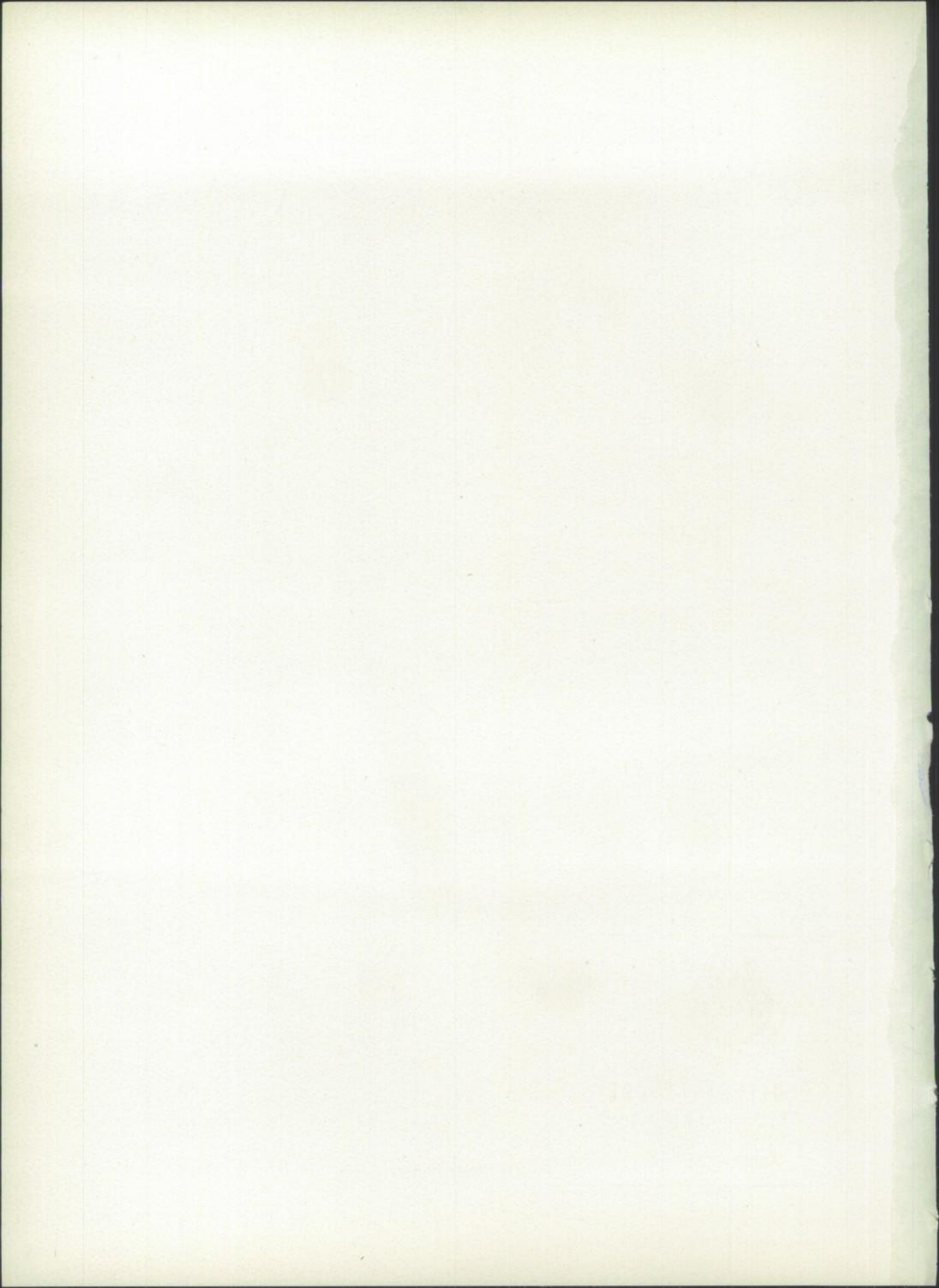
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